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List of Retainable papers for 1855

Sent Letters Subcollector Madura Collector's Office.

Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
998	Subcollector. H G Hd Assistant in charge of the Division	Informing him to send an order to Comarapah Pill late Manager of the Dind Devastanam acquainting with his dismissal by the Board of Rev and requesting him to hand over the keys of Pagodas to the Tahsildar within 3 days etc.

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Sent letters. Collectors of [illegible] Dt. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
[illegible]3.55 not found in the file	233	Collector of Coimbatore	Requesting permission ~~to transfer~~ from him to propose the transfer of constructing a bridge across the Amaravady river sanctioned in the Madura Dt. to Coimbatore Dt.
[illegible]4.55	352	Collector of Tinnevelly	Forwarding copy of an urzee from Tirumangalam Tahsildar reporting that the remaining extent of land viz $\frac{5}{32}$ of a goly has been made over to the Inamdar of Rengappanaickenkulam by the ryots of Senendipatty which puts an end to the dispute between the parties.
[illegible]4.55	353	Do.	Requesting him to adopt measures for the speedy settlement of boundary dispute between ~~between~~ the village

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Sent Letters Collectors of other Dts. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
			village of Cunnyrajapuram in the Dt. and the Zemindary of Melamundy in Tinnevelly.
24.4.55	374	Collector of Tanjore	Forwarding a copy of an urzee from the Zemindar of Ramnad requesting to send any one of his Establishment to settle the boundary dispute between the villages of Velangatoor in Ramnad and Munnyoor Vanpagoody in Tanjore Dt.
12.5.55	441	Collector of Tinnevelly	Requesting to inform him whether he claims Pudukulam the subject disputed spot in question as included in Tinnevelly and if so on what grounds as belonging to what village and whether as Inam or ayan land.
30.5.55	516 not found in the file	Do	Transmitting copy of the Diary of the Civil Engineer of 11th 5-54 & proposing to address

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Sent letters. Collectors of other Dts. Madura Collector's Office.

Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
		addresses a letter on the subject of a wall being constructed to close the breach of the Carasakulam Tank & the complaints caused by the Vellapotel ryots stating that it is too high, to Civil Engineer.
-6.55 570 Not found in the file	Collector of Tinnevelly	Informing that he will undertake to fix a time at his leisure for settling the Boundary dispute between Bhendaree and Saptur with reference to B. P. ~~[illegible]~~ No 1431. d 11-6-55
-7.55 nil Not found in the file.	Collector of Trichinopoly	Forwarding copy of a letter from the Minister of Puddukottah and requesting to cause the Tahsildar of Vettapcuttay to meet the Tahsildar of Permanaad ~~ad~~ for settling the boundary dispute.
24.8.55 854	Ag. Collector of Madras & Registrar of Govt Grants	Requesting to be informed whether the instructions contained therein & the forms which accompanied are applicable to lands situated in the Zemindari.

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Sent Letters Collector of other &c to Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
4.9.55	896	Ag Collector of Madras & the Registrar of Govt grants	Stating that the American Mission have been for many years past in possession of Houses and churches with Compounds attached in the Ramnad and Shivaganga Zemindaries without permission of Govt
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ag Collector of Tanjore	Forwarding a receipt from Gopaul Row for the sum of Rs 27-0-0 paid to him on account of the late Native Pension Fund due to his father Kistnapah late Head Peshcar of Trevady
28-11-55	329	Do.	Returning the Abstracts with the signature of the Carnatic pensioner Dorasamy Naik duly obtained as requested.
30.11.55	2139	Do	Forwarding a pension application from Comarasamy Rajah and Dorasamy Naik each praying for a continuance of deceased pension etc

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Sent Letters. Collectors of other Dts. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
12.6-12-55	2283	Collector of Tanjore.	Stating that he concurred with his opinion that two Mr. Nodman has shewn sufficient grounds for the possession of the land in dispute remaining with the Tanjore Ryots.
7-12-55	2233	The Collector of Trichinopoly	Forwarding copy of a letter on the subject of the proposed transfer of Ramaghery Taluk to the Trichinopoly Dt.

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Sent Letters. *Civil Engineer.* Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
.1.55	2.	Asst civil Engineer	Enclosing Lists of works requiring estimates for 1855 which have been furnished by the Tahsildars of Nellacottay, Tenkasi and Ozempully and requesting to inspect the works etc.
~~.1.55~~	~~do~~	~~Civil Engineer~~	
7.1.55 Not found in the file	8/	Civil Engineer 8th Division	Corresponding and enclosing an urzee from the Amin of Shunnur representing the objections raised by the Pooneady ryots to the construction of the 4th class line of stone to the southern Calingula of their tank.
.2.55	114	Do.	Forwarding a memo showing the objections raised by certain ryots in the Madacolam and Melur Taluks to the construction of a permanent anecut for the use of Coilpatty & Morasemcolam villages in the former.

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Sent Letters. Civil Engineer Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
17.3.55	238	The collector of Coimbatore	Comy & informing that by the annexed extract from the Minutes of Con. of Govt that bridge over the Amberavutty River has been sanctioned etc.
22.3.55	248	The Civil Engineer	Forwarding a Tamil Estimate from the Tahsildar of Tirumangalam for making a straight road between the points on the line between Moraveakulam Tank & Tirumangalam.
22.3.55	35	Secretary to the Bd of Rev. D.P.W.	Transmitting Account Current of Receipt and disbursement of the Ferry Fund for 1854 & corresponding on the same subject.
14.4.55.	351	Sub Collector Madura	Forwarding copies of Correspondence Sanctioning the construction of bridge over the Amaravutty river & requesting him to inspect the spot referred to etc.

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Sent Letters. Civil Engineer   Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
20.4.55	366.	Civil Engineer 8th Dn	Forwarding a letter from the Sub Collector Madura on the subject of Amaravaty bridge and pointing out the want of able maistry to supervise the construction of the bridge
20.4.55	367	Do	Requesting to favour him with his opinion and judgment on it regarding the cutting of a new channel for the supply of Kavasaclam Tank in Tenkarai Taluq within the limits of Thamaraikulam village
26.4.55 not found in file	377	Sub Collector Madura	Forwarding copy of a letter from the Civil Engineer & of the estimate regarding the construction of Amaravatty bridge and requesting to inform him whether stones &c can be procured near the spot so as to facilitate the work

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Sent Letters. Civil Engineer **Madura Collector's Office.**

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
8.5.55	72	Secretary to the Board of Rev. D. P. W.	Transmitting the nominal Roll of the permanent Incarament Establishment as directed by B. O. circular No 298 of the 12th instant, and suggesting that it will be necessary for a portion of the establishment to be under the direct control of the Coll. Collector for some time
9.5.55	76	Do.	Submitting a revised list for 1854 of occasional works in Progress in the Madura Dt, and stating the the revised list also differs from the Progress report submitted for 1854.
12.5.55 Not found in the file	81	Do.	Requesting the Board to take the Dairy of the civil Engineer into consideration and informing that the suit regarding the Velampitty work & the Vadagarai channel has been decreed in favour of the Collector.

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Sent Letters. Civil Engineer Madura Collector's Office.

Date	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
6.55 Not found in the file	585	Civil Engineer 8th Dn.	Transmitting a copy of the Proceedings of the Bd. of Revenue authorising the Construction of a branch from the Poovendy channel in substitution ~~for~~ the present Angadi Mangalum channel.
7.55 Not found in file	133	Secretary to the Bd of Revd D.P.W.	Submitting information, as directed by B.P. calling upon him to furnish information respecting the revenue of Kulleevadipatty Tank and the grounds of its expected augmentation.
9.55	972	The chief Engineer in the D.P.W. Fort St. George	Submitting a revised Estimate for a Cutcherry at Tirumangalam, and suggesting that the latter may be cancelled and sanction obtained for adopting the plan and estimate now submitted for both places.

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Sent Letters. Civil Engineer. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
2.10.55	1010	Civil Engineer 8th Dn	Informing that the Tahsildar of Venkarai has selected a site for a new Chttram at near the village of Devathanapatty and corresponding on the same
5.10.55	1023	Captain Francis	Corresponding about the construction of road from the commencement of the [illegible] river to Palney, Dindigul etc place
Do	"	"	Return of Traffic passed on Road No 2 between Dindigul and Palney in June 1856
9.10.55 Not found in the file	1034	Civil Engineer 8th Dn	Returning the plan and Estimate for a bridge on the Vaigai River at Ma[illegible] and submitting reasons in support of the proposition contained in his letter Rd of 8.12.54.

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Sent Letters. *Civil Engineer* Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
9-11-55.	2041	To Civil Engineer	~~Acknowledging~~ Acknowledging the receipt of his letter of the 8rd instant requesting to be informed of his opinion regarding the access to the Pulney hills, and Correspondence on the same.
14-11-55.	2059	Do. D.P.W. Fort St George	Issuing instructions for the removal of a mass of rock in the Chinna Rajah Vaikal in the limits of Balasamudram village Dyempully Taluq & Corresponding on the same.
7.55.	2072	Civil Engineer 8th Do.	Acknowledging the receipt of his letter relative to the circular of the Chief Engineer to use their best endeavours to plant trees in Topes along the Bottoms of Tanks and on the side of Roads and Corresponding on the same.

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Sent Letters. Civil Engineer Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
"	"	"	List showing the names of villages & places available for plantations in the Dt of Madura & Dindigul.
17.11.55.	2086	Civil Engineer 8th Dn	Returning the Estimates for Roads Nos 17 & 19 to furnish the Statements of traffic & expenditure etc.
30.11.55 Not found in the file.	2144	Civil Engineer D. P. W. Fort St. George	Submitting two Statements for the land taken for the water Project Madura & Corresponding further on the same.
26.12.55.	2229	Civil Engineer 8th Dn	Forwarding an urzee from the Tahsildar of Melur Stating that the piece Ground alluded to therein is the private property of the Mahajanam of Buttalagundu village who do not consent to part with it.

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Sent Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
26.12.55	2220	Chief Engineer Fort St. George	Submitting his observations on the subject of the communications on and with the Palni hills which was brought before him by the Civil Engineer and corresponding on the same.

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Sent Letters. Miscellaneous Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
8.2.55	116	J. B. Norton Esq Barrister at Law Govt. Pleader Sudur Adawlut Madras.	Intimating that, according to the opinion of the Pundits of Sudur Adawlut, a Step daughter cannot succeed to the property of her Step mother, & corresponding about the Succession of Veeracoomarood Ammal to the Erachanaickanoor Zemindary.
13.2.55	132	The Collector of Madras & Registrar of Govt Grants Madras	Requesting instructions regarding the enclosed Deed touching acquisition of land by foreigners in foreign Country.
14.2.55 not found in the file	145.	Rev. J. Rendall Treasurer American Mission	Transmitting a memorandum shewing the difference between the extent of land entered in your application for permission certificate and that exhibited by a list furnished by the native Local Authorities as possessed by the Mission in several places etc.

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Sent letters. *Miscellaneous* Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
15.2.55	147	Rev. L. S. Cozer Roman Catholic Missionary	Stating that he sees no objection to the land being registered in the name of the Right Rev. Bishop Canoz residing in this country.
20.2.55 not found in the file	174	Certificate	Allowing the Pandaram of Rameswaram to send two boats to the Pearl fishery in the Gulf of Mannar, on the ground that it is a usual privilege
1.3.55	189	Collector of Madras & Registrar of Govt grants	Forwarding a list of the particulars of leases granted in the Pulney hills for Registration and Corresponding on the application of Mr Bayne for addition of land

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Sent Letters — Miscellaneous — Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
2.55	11	"	Petition of Nattamai Nagaendran chetty & many others ryots of Ingnak Pattiam a hamlet of Arumpanady Vaadakulam Taluk, Madura District.
3.55	Suit No. 2.	Madura Civil Court	Notice of Civil Court calling the attendance of the Collector in the Court in connection with the C S No 2 of 1855.
4.3.55	266	Ag. civil Judge Madura	Requesting to be informed of the extent of land sold to Muddaly Tevan to expedite issuing pattah.
7.4.55	811	Certificate	Form issuing Admission certificates to the Zemindar of Ramnad to send two Boats to the Gulf of Munnar for Pearl fishery.
8.4.55	410	Rev. J. Rendall	Informing him of the sanction of the Court of Wards for the purchase of his buildings at Sheva ganga in favour of the minor Zemindar and asking him to send the title Deeds.

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Sent letters. *Miscellaneous* Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
8.7.55	538	G. F. Fischer Esquire Madura	Communicating Govt sanctioning the claims of the Pundaram of Peranamalay Devastanam for the refund of the surplus collections ~~accrued~~ accrued during the period the institutions were under the management of the Govt.
22	579	Civil Judge Madura	Informing the Sub Collector's order for the transfer of puttahs in the name of Venkatasubbien for the lands purchased by him
8.7.55 not found in the file	634	Rev. J. Rendall American Missionary Madura	Returning the original deed of the Catechists house at Shevagunga
7.7.55 not found in the file	652	"	Received the sum of Rs 60 being the rent due of Teppakulam Bungalow belonging to the Minor Zemindar of Shevagunga

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Sent Letters · Miscellaneous Madura Collector's Office.

Date	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
31.7.55	788	Rev. J. Noyes. American Mission Varasakulam	Returning his former application for land at Varasakulam in order that he may substitute a fresh one containing the extent of land he required.
1.8.55	789	Civil Judge of Madura.	Informing him that he has issued instructions to renew pattas in the name of the plaintiff in No 38 of 1855 on the file of the Moonty Sudroo Ameen for the ensuing fasly 1265.
1.8.55	786	Rev. J. Noyes American Mission Varasakulam	Stating that Bodinayakanur being a Zemindary, the right of Govt. as to the cutting of timbers in those parts is not yet ascertained.

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Sent letters. Miscellaneous Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
14.8.55	824.	J. H. Noyes American Mission Pasumalai	Enclosing a copy of a statement of a measurement made by the Moonsiff of Tenkarai Taluq and directing him to call upon Myotsundar of Tenkarai & explain the circumstances.
29.8.55	865	Reporter of External Commerce Fort St. George	Submitting Statements showing the Imports and Exports by Sea in this District for the official year 1854-55 on the several dates mentioned ~~in this St.~~
Do	866	Do	Submitting Statements Nos 1 & 2 showing the Imports and exports at the single inland frontier Chowkey Cumbam in this Dt for the official year 1854/55 on the date mentioned

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Sent Letters · Miscellaneous Madura Collector's Office.

Date	Number	To whom sent.	Substance.
11.9.55	929.	Director General of Public Instruction, Madras	Correspondence relating to the establishment of ~~of~~ important Educational institutions.
13.9.55	"	Mr. Rendall	Soliciting information respecting certain points in connection with mission lands.
[illegible].9.55.	950.	Registrar of Govt grants	Requesting to be informed whether it is necessary that all applications for permission certificates should be submitted to him, & the sanction of Govt obtained & corresponding on the same
[illegible].9.55	959.	H. Stokes Esq on special Duty	Correspondence relating to Revenue Recovery in connection with Zemindaris

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Sent letters. Miscellaneous. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
22.9.55	982	H. Stokes Esq on Special Duty.	Observations on the question whether Collectors can be included in the list of decisions in app. Appellate Suits the originals being decided by himself.
Do.	983	"	Correspondence relating to certain Inam lands.
~~[illegible]~~ "	832 of 1855	"	Notice reg the O. S. No. 25 of 1855 on the file of Sub Court Madura
15.11.55	2069	Resident of Travancore	Forwarding copy of an orzee from the Head of Police and stating that the Store Mundabam has been handed over to & is in the possession of the people of Terupulam Pagoda, since it is handed over to them by the free will & consent of the Travancore Samastanam

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Sent Letters Miscellaneous Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
17.11.55	2079	Mr. J. G. Swan-Seger, Sea-Custom Chandadar, Pamban	Opinion on the advisability of choosing fit ports for landing goods.
7.11.55	2080	The Sub Collector Madura Not found in the Section book	An account showing the accounts decided by J.S. Child Esq. Asst. Sub Collector to be due to Renter of Ammayanayakanur Zemindary by the ryots of Sirumalai from Fusly 1256—63.
28.11.55	2128	Secretary to the Marine Board	Intimating that he has no intention of recommending the Suspension of Customs at Pamban.
12.55	"	"	Receiving from Captain W. H. Horsley of the corps of Engineers the sum of ~~Rs~~ (Sd) Rs 8-11-8 being the amount of quit rent for the lands held by him on the Kodaikanal & Pulney hills

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Sent letters. *Miscellaneous* Madura Collector's Office.

Date	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
12.55	2166	G. Fischer Esq	Intimating the answer of the Bd of Rev to his application for the continuance of certain Inams
12.55	2161	Civil Judge Madura	Informing him that directions have been ~~issued in the name of the Plaintiff~~ given to issue puttah in the name of the Plaintiff for the lands described in the Tamil memo of the Dindigul Moonsiff
5	2217	Registrar Sudder Uddalut	Remarks on the administration of justice of village Munsiffs with a list of them
29.12.55	"	"	Reference to the G. O. against the interference by Collectors with Pagoda offerings

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~~Received~~ Letters, Miscellaneous Madura Collector's Office.

Number	To ~~From whom received~~ Sent	Substance
66	Chief Secy to Govt	Returning the petition of Narayanasawmy Naik applying for a Ceylon pension & recommending that Rs 10-8- may per mensem may be allowed to the petitioner for the support of the family
67	Do	Returning the petition of Ayaloo Naik applying for a Ceylon pension and recommending that the petitioner may receive an allowance of Rs 3-8 per mensem which is about equal to that obtained by his deceased brother
245	Do	Recommending that 2/3rd of Soobiah Naik's pension may be granted to the petitioner Soobarayaloo Naik for the support of the family from 1/8/54
330	Do	Submitting an application for grant of a Superannuation pension to Tuckajee Row Overseer of the Southern Dn of the Salt pans at Ramnad & also submitting certificate by the Head Sheristadar of the correctness of the age of Tukajee Row.
392	Do	Recommending that 1/4th of the pension may be allowed proportionate to the portion of Bungaroo Subbammal & stating it is more than equal to her actual wants compared with those of Dorasamy Rajah

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
16/5/55	449	Chief Secy to Govt	Transmitting an address by Rungaroo Sookamma to His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon & stating that as regards Ceylon Pensions, the widow should not be recognized as the head of the family, but receive only such share as will suffice for her maintenance
4/6	533	Do	Proposing that Ramnad Cont- -aining more than 2000 Sq miles should always have a Resident Covenanted Servant and another to live between Sivagunga & [illegible] So that the work may be carried according to Reg.
2/1	777	Do	Acknowledging receipt of the Min. of Consultation of Govt of 12/7/55 requiring to submit opinion [on] the 3 questions 1. Whether it is expedient to abolish the Board of Rev leaving its duties to be performed by the Secy to Govt 2. Whether it would be advisable to substitute for it a single office adequately assisted 3. What part of its duties may be thrown on Collrs when they are relieved of a portion of the details of their office by arrangements

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Received Letters, Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
~~7/7/55~~ /8/55	767	Chief Secy to Govt.	Transmitting pension certificate of Sookiah a probationary superannuation pensioner ~~together~~ with a fresh certificate by the Zillah ~~certificate~~ Surgeon
20/8	839.	Do.	Recommending that Rs 2 may be continued to the petitioner Sethasamy Naik brother of the deceased Alagherisamy Naik a Candian Prisoner
28/8.	858.	Do.	Recommending that the amount of Rs 1-14-10 may be again continued in the name of Krishnasamy Naik son of Soobammaul a Candian Prisoner from the date of demise
Do	860.	Do.	Recommending that $\frac{2}{3}$rd of the pension of the deceased Seetharama Naik a Candian Prisoner may be granted to the petitioner Veerammaul daughter of the deceased from 1/1/55
5/9.	905	Do	Returning the petition of Allah Oodeen Khan & stating that the Enam of Cellagoody & a yeomiah of 2 Cully fanams per diem were granted by the Mahomedan Govt. for the support of a mosque and the maintenance of the grantee & that these are registered in the name of the petitioner.

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
22/9/55	-	Chief Secy to Govt	Transmitting a letter addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor by H. E. the Tondaman Rajah.
2/10	1012	Do	Requesting that a certain point may be referred for the report of Govt viz the power exercised in granting Sunneds in a ... before the death of the father of Mahomed Ali Khan.
2/11	2028	Do	Transmitting 2 petitions addressed to H. E. the Governor of Ceylon one by Candian pensioner Doraswamy Rajah & the other by certain members of his family
24/11	2114	Do	Submitting a counter petition to H. E. the Governor of Ceylon from Ranee Rungaroo Sooba-ammal
26/12	2221	Do	Submitting an application for the grant of a Superannuation pension to Trimal Rowtorgrondar of the Vadicombo ... in Dindigul with a certificate from the Zillah Surgeon and a certificate by the Sub Dy Superintendent of the correctness of the age of Terumal Rowa
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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
5/1/55 3	2	Secy Board of Rev	Acknowledging receipt of a P dt 14/9/54 conveying the desire of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for a special report showing (1) To what extent the ancient landed endowments in lieu of which Tasdeek disbursements to Devastanams are paid, can be traced. (2) whether they can be restored or new assignments of land be made in place of them & the ready money allowances be discontinued (3) what would be the feeling of the people upon the change
6/2	15	Do	Transmitting a statement in the form prescribed in G. O. dt. 19/9/54 of the fibrous plants existing in Madura Dt. whether cultivated or wild
14/2	20	Do	Acknowledging receipt of letter dt 22/1/55 desiring to report on the probable effects of the removal of the provision in Act of XXVI of 1850 for the improvement of provincial towns.
1/3.	25	Do	Transmitting Boards petitions Nos. 987 and 988 with a report thereon regarding certain fields belonging to the Inam of the Chetty of the village of Thoppampatty

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
12/3/55	30	Secy Board of Rev	Stating that the Tahsildar of Pen-kunnay, having endeavoured to convey the wishes of Govt in regard to the abolition of Hill taxes & the levy of a petty tribute as a token of fealty, to the inhabitants of the portion of the Pulney Hills, reported the names of certain persons who consented to pay small sums in lieu of a rent for Honey wax &c
31/3	45	Do	Requesting to lay before the Board of Rev certain papers relative to the right of village officers to sell the Coody weeram of their Service Inams
Do	46	Do	Submitting translation of a plaint presented on behalf of the Zemindar of Yettiapuram to the Civil Court against the Collr & the Zemindar of Ramnad for the recovery of the land at Paralachy in dispute between the Zemindars of Yettiapuram & Ramnad, which for the purpose of preventing blood-shed was sequestrated by the order of Govt of 31/12/35 passed in conformity with the Board's recommendation.

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Date	Number.	From whom received.	Substance
14/55	48	Secy Board of Rev	Stating that it is true as mentioned in petition No 2130 of 1853. that the petitioner's palmyra tope ~~from~~ paid from the time it was planted till fusly 1249. on the fruitful trees alone & on them at the rate of 5 pies per tree only
12/4	55	DD	Forwarding copy of a decree in favor of the Collr the defendant in Suit No 88 of 1853 on the file of the Sub court of Madura
1/4	65	Secy Court of wards	Transmitting copy of a letter from the Sub Collr & requesting sanction for the Establishment proposed by him for the administration of tyagoody Zemindary
5/5	73	Secy Board of Rev	Submitting copy of a letter from the Sub Collr stating his sentiments on the several amendments proposed by the Board of Govt of the propositions for taxation & Establishments on the Pulney Hills
14/5	83	S. DD	Requesting instructions in the case of a boundary dispute between Bhundry in this Dt & Saptoor attached to that Zemindary in Tinnevelly
23/6	106	DD	Forwarding Statements furnishing information of ~~certain~~ Sundry ~~Dist.~~ Inams in villages wholly alienated

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Received Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
17/7/55	127	Secy Cnty ward	Forwarding a report from the Sub collr, relative to the alienations of lands made by the late Zemindar of Ayagoody to his brother & others
1/8	140	Secy Board of Rev	Soliciting Sanction for recognizing the person whose name is Ramasamy Gounden as Zemindar of Kedacotah
3/8	142	do	Requesting Board's attention to Section VII Regulation XXV of 1802 & to the Sunnud Istimirar which provide that the personal property of land holders shall in the first instance be attached
9/8	149	do	Reporting that the orders of the Sub & Civil Courts of Madura requiring that the Estate should be delivered over to Veeracumoo Ammal were set aside on the ground that the Collr was in possession & was not a party to the suit in deciding which the Madura Court directed that the Estate should go to Veeracammoo Ammal after the death of Chinnammal

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List of Retainable papers for 1855.

Received Letters Miscellaneous Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
10/8/55	150	Secy Board of Rev	Stating that the Sub Collr has been asked to consult with persons well acquainted with the Hill villages for the purpose of ascertaining whether their views as regards plantains are correct & hoping that the Board will approve the order of raising the Poonjah tax in the lower Ranges.
27/9	177	DD	Furnishing the Board with a statement of the different claims which may be preferred to the Ramnad Zemindary on the death of the permanent incumbent & a statement of the particulars of adoption of an heir by one of the daughters of the Zemindar after whose death Vellee Thevar, Sathoo Karasoo Thevar & others ~~put their~~ claimed the Zemindary
8/9	178	DD	Requesting to obtain Sanction of Govt for a grant of 7 Goolies of Poonjah land assessed at 4-7-3 to Tirumalay Pillais Chuttaram at Maunapaulay in exchange for an extent of lands of the same Teerwah to be taken for the purpose of erecting houses for the Tahsildar & other Servants of the Ramgherry Taluq

List of Retainable papers for 1855.

Received Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
29/9/55	180	Secy Board of Rev.	Returning letter No 1797 of 1855 & referring the Board to Mr Blackburne's letter which contains a history of the case of the Meerasee Enam of the Meenakshi Pagoda
9/10	184	DO	Furnishing information re the pecuniary circumstances of Veerakamoo Ammal disappointed claimant of the Eerakkankan Zemindary which has escheated to Govt
11/10	186	DO	Forwarding Statements showing the emoluments & numbers of the village Nattamgars, Curnums, Kaulgars, Dandalgars & Totties and measures proposed to render these establishments more efficient
23/10	197	DO	Addressing the Board on the Subject of the unsatisfactory position in which the holders of Inam villages Stand towards their ryots and towards the Sircar.

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List of Retainable papers for 1855.

Received Letters — Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
1/10/55	199	Secy Board of Rev	Forwarding for information copy of an extract from the Proceedings of the Sub Court in O. S. No 59 of 1854, dismissing the suit brought to procure an injunction to allow a piece of Garden land to remain waste & available for the use of a thrashing floor
5/10	200	Do	Furnishing the report regarding the settlement of the grass tax called for in the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of Govt of 11/10/53
13/11	212	Do	Submitting for the consideration of the Board trans[lation] of an arzi by Mr Fisher regarding the continuance to him of land in Yellamanoor and Kullekoody [illegible] formerly granted as Inam for the support of a water pandal about 1 mile East of Mandum on the Ramnad Road
1/11	220	Do	Replying to Board's Circular relative to the application to this Dt of the Water Rate established temporarily in [illegible] Tract & submitting a short statement which will show that the effect would be to increase considerably the assessment of newly converted land

List of Retainable papers for 1855.

Received Letters. Madura Collector's Office

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
26/11/55	227.	Secy Board of Rev	Stating with reference to the letter No 17/18/2/54, that the same has occurred in regard to a Goorookal Inam paying a Quit Rent to Govt in the Sunnud by which it was granted before the British Govt acquisition of the country by the Sultan Zemindar to his Gooroo
6/12	230	DO	Stating that the memorandum prepared & sent for verification re land measures contains a few errors and submitting a revised one
18/12	241.	DO	Submitting a tabular Statement for the proposed additional Establishment on the Pulney Hills
26/12	244	DO	Expressing ~~an opinion~~ in reference to the Min of Con of Govt Dt 26/11/55 received on the 17th with the B.P. of 6th Instant, an opinion in favor of the transfer, to the District of Trichinopoly of the greater part of the taluq formerly called Marungapoory since 1846 Ramgherry

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List of Retainable papers for 1855.

Received Letters *Miscellaneous* Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
10/5/55	428	Accountant General Fort St George	Requesting an explanation of the term "grant" which has a peculiar signification in Revenue Language
24/7	724	Do	Replying to the several questions contained in the letter of 22/5/55 [illegible] the month of the year in which cultivation or sowing of seeds commence &c.

No. 20

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to enclose the Translat[ion of a] deposition given by Mooneyapen late Private of the Cey[lon] Regiment, who receives a Pension from my Cutchery of Rs. 5-5[...] per Mensem, relative to the loss of his Certificate; and to re[com]mend that a fresh one may be obtained from the Ceylon Government.

Such Certificate furnished by the Superintendent of Pensions with his letter dated 4th April 1854.

2. Mooneyapen had come in to receive his pension and fell asleep with the Certificate tied up in a bundle with some rice; when he awoke the bundle was gone, having been taken most probably by a dog.

3. From his frequent attendance at my off[ice] to procure his pension the man's appearance is perfectly fami[liar] to me; and I have no doubt whatever to his identity, nor any to the truth of his Story, for he bears a good Character.

Madura
5 January 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Deposition given before the Magistrate of Ma[du]ra by Mooneyapen a Pensioned Sepoy belonging to the Cey[lon] Government on the 5th January 1855.

On Monday, the 1st Instant, I set out from the Village of Tiruppatchee and lay down at night in Urdavanni's water Pundal close to Madura, when I was robbed of my property viz: one half Rupee, 3 Measures of rice, and a Kerchief, as well as a Certificate. Certain travellers, whose names and features I do not know, were sleeping with me. I beg you will be pleased to procure for me a fresh Certificate. The rice, rupee, and Certificate were tied in one bundle.

(Marked) Mooneyapen

No. 52

The Secretary to Government

I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the
[...]ant General for Rupees (12) Twelve, paid by the
[...]dar of Ramnad, on account of Subscription to the
Saint George Gazette, in arrears for the 4 quarters of
[th]e past year.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
20 January 1855

No. 66

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Sir:

In returning the Petition of Narayanasawmy Naik, [a]pplying for a Ceylon Pension, received with the Mr. of C. of Govt. [da]ted the 23rd May last, I have the honor to state that [Ram]asawmy Naik, whom he calls his father, received 1¾ [m]easures of Rice and 6 M. P. equal together to Rs 16 a 1 p 2 per Month, [an]d died on the 9th April 1835, when the Pension ceased.

From the evidence of the Public Officers of the Village [in] which the Petitioner resides, it appears that he is the Eldest [sur]viving son of Ramasawmy Naik, and that there are several other decendants of Ramasawmy Naik, who are all in great poverty.

3. A Petition for renewal of the Pension by the Petitioner's Eldest Brother Condiah Naik, since dead, was rejected by a letter from the Colonial Secretary's Office Ceylon dated 22nd March 1845. Pet. No. 53 of 1846. Min. Cor. of Govt. 8th April 1845 No. 127 Pol. Dept.

4. In analogous Cases 2/3rd of the Pension have been Continued and I would recommend that Rs 10 a 8 per mensem may be allowed to the Petitioner for the Support of the family. I do not feel justified in Suggesting that it may be granted in arrears.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
25th January 1855

No 67 23 47

To
The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to return the Petition of Iyaloo Naik, applying for a Ceylon Pension, and received with the M. of C. of Govt dated 23d August last, and to refer you to Mr Acting Secretary Furnos's letter of the 20 November 1839, from which you will observe that when Allaghirry Sawmy Naik, whom Petitioner calls his father, came from Ceylon, he and his family drew Pensions as follows.

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Allaghirry Naik (died 24th May 1872)	3/4	6	Discontinued
One Male Child (Vencatasawmy Naik who died December 1843)	1/2	1/2	
A No Wife Alamaloo	1	1	Still Continue
Female Child Unamaloo	1/2	1/2	
One Do Relative Chinnummal	1	1	

2 From the evidence of the Public Officers of the Village it appears that the Petitioner Iyaloo Naik, alias Coomarasawmy Naik, was born after the removal of the family to the Continent of India, and was under 2 years of age at the time of his death, also that he is very poor.

3 I beg to recommend that the Petitioner may receive an allowance of Rs 3. as 8 per Mensem, which is about equal to that obtained by his deceased Brother.

Madura........
25 January 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Abstract translation of a Deposition given before the Collector of Madura by Meenatchee Soondrum Pillay Curnum of the Orappooly Village in Vendhony Talook in the Zemindary of Rumnad, under date 26 October 1854.

Q........ Do you know Ramasawmy Naik who lived in the Village of Orappooly?

A....... yes - I do

Q.... When did he die?

A. - About 17 or 18 years ago.

Q. What family was left by him at his death.

A. 1 Condamma Naik aged 40 years. 2 Narayanasawmy Naik aged 30 years. 3. Mungiah Naik aged 25 years. 4 Rupathy, daughter, aged 50 years, and 5 Naranammal. These 5 individuals had Children, of whom the Eldest Son Condamma Naik died 10 years since, leaving 4 Sons and 2 daughters.

Q. ..... Upon what does the family of Ramasawmy Naik live now?

A. ..... Upon alms and loans from Relatives having no landed or other Property.

Relative to Allagherrysawmy Naik

Q. .... Do you know Allagherrysawmy Naik, who lived in the Village of Orooppooly?

..... Yes. I do.

When did he die?

- 26 or 27 years ago.

Q. What family was left by him at his death?

A. 1 Vencatasawmy Naik aged 15 years. 2 Iyaloo Naik alias Commarasawmy Naik aged 1 year, and 3 Thayummal aged 4 years.

The above Vencatasawmy Naik died 10 years ago leaving 2 Widows and 2 Children. Iyaloo Naik is unmarried, and the means of their livelihood is the Same as above stated. The mother of Iyaloo Naik receives an allowance of 3½ Rupees, upon which she and her daughter Thayummal live Separately. This allowance is of no benefit to Iyaloo Naik

(Signed) in Tamil Meenakhee Soondum Ummal

Curnum

Moottoocurpen Taver Son of Moottoocomara Taver, aged 50 years, Umbalum of the Village, Corroborates the above Statement

Signature of Moottoocurpen Taver Umbalum.

Soondara Taver, Son of Renga Taver, another Umbalum of the Village, aged 40 years, Corroborates the above Statement

Signature of Soondara Taver Umbalum.

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Nunda Gopaul Chetty Son of Moottanen Chetty, a Ryot of the Village, Corroborates the above Statement.

Signature of Nunda Gopaul Chetty.

Taken before me this 26 day of October 1854.

(Signed) R. D. Parker

Collector

No. 93

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 5th Instant, I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General in your favor, for Rupee one, being the amount of difference due by Mr. Norman on account of his Subscription to the Fort Saint George Gazette for the 3rd Quarter of 1854.

2 The original receipt, which accompanied your letter under reference, is herewith returned.

Madura
30 January 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker

Collector

No. 165

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir:

Eng. 28 to 34 of 1854 5 Copies each. Marattah 23-32 of 1853. 2 Copies each. Tamil 39 of 1854, 3 Copies each.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Copies and Translations of the Acts of the Supreme Government, Specified in the Margin, forwarded with Mr. Secretary Pycroft's letter of the 14th Instant.

Madura
17th February
1855.

I have &ca.

(Signed) R. D. Parker

Collector

No. 245

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir:

With reference to the Minutes of Consultation of Government of the 5th September last in the Political Department, No. 336, I have the honor to report that it is Correctly Stated in the Petition that Soobbah Naik, a Candian Pensioner, received a daily allowance of

of 1 3/4 Measures of Rice and 6 Milay fanams, or making together, Rupees 16-5-4. He died on the 24th June 1818, and the Pension was then discontinued, why, I am unable to discover. The Petitioner is stated, by the Inhabitants of the Village in which he resides, to be the Nephew of the deceased, & to support, chiefly by loans, the family which is composed of the following persons.

1 Rungaroummal (unmarried & blind) aged 45 years, Daughter of Soobah Naik.
2 Vencatalutchee nee Ummal 36 Do. Do.
3 Alumelooummal ...... 28 Widow of son of Do.
4 Petitioner Soobarayaloo Naik alias Chinnathumbee Naik } and 2 Servants

2 I beg to recommend that 2/3 of Soobah Naik's pension may be granted to the Petitioner, for the support of the family, from the 1st August 1854, being the first of the Month next succeeding the date of his Petition, herewith returned.

3 Two thirds of the Pension will be as follows.

In Money 9-11-0
Rice 1-3-2
10-14-2 per Mensem

Madras } 2nd March 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 530

To
The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit an application in the prescribed form for grant of a Superannuation Pension to Luckojee Row, Overseer of the Southern Division of the Salt Pans at Ramnad, with a Certificate from the Zillah Surgeon.

2. A certificate by my Head Sheristadar, of the correctness of the age of Luckojee Row as entered in the Register, is also submitted.

Madras
10 April 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 1

Register of Application for Superannuation Pension. R

No. 2

This is to certify that Luckojee Row, a Salt Ameen, is in my Opinion, unfit for further Service, from defective Vision occasioned by a Cataract in the left Eye, the result of old age; and that, to the best of my belief, his incapacity has not been ac- R

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Occasioned by intemperance or other irregular habits.

Madura
5 February 1855 } (Signed) J Colebrook
Zillah Surgeon

No 3

I do hereby Certify that Luckojee Row, Overseer of Southern Division of the Salt Pans at Ramnad, is 74 years of age.

(Signed) in Maratta
Ramo Row
Hd Sheristadar

Madura
10 April 1855 }

No 376

To
The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

Abstract of Carnatic & the Pensioners 200 Copies
Do of Pensions in the Military 100 Copies

The printed forms of Abstracts of the Carnatic Pensioners &c, supplied from your Office in January 1854, being nearly Expended, I have the honor to request a further Supply as noted in the Margin.

I have &c
(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

Madura
24 April 1855

No 392

To
The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir:

In pursuance of the Orders of Government Conveyed to me by the Minutes Consultation dated the 8 February 1855, I have Enquired into the Circumstances of Dorasawmy Rajah and Rungaroo Soobummal, respectively, who at present Share equally the Pension of 105 Rupees per Mensem, Continued to the family of the late Soobasawmy Rajah, with a view to determine whether there should not be a readjustment of the Shares, in order that the burthens of the family may be borne equally.

2 Dorasawmy Rajah appeared before me himself, and Soobummal by Vakeel.

3 The former delivered in a list of dependents amounting, Exclusive of Servants, to 21; And Soobummal one of 7 with the same Exception. Translations of these are enclosed. After hearing the mutual objections of the parties I am of opinion that the only real burthen on Soobummal is her Mother No 5. Her daughter is married to the lineal decendant of the Rajah of Madura, who Shares in an Enam Village in Sheraganga and has other lands. Nos 6 & 7 Share in the same Village. From Dorasawmy's list I would Exclude his Sister, her husband and 5 Children, as the husband is an Ambalagar (partner in the Headship of a Village). His relations also and their families (No 14 to 21) are probably only partially dependant on the Pension. Making

deductions on these accounts, the Members, supported by Dorasawmy Rajah, are still many fold greater than those who receive their maintenance from Bungaroo Soobummal.

4. As regards Debts, it is represented that there are some amounting in the aggregate to 3500 Rupees, contracted by the late Soobroosawmy Rajah. For these Dhorasawmy has been held chiefly responsible by the Creditors, and Bungaroo Soobummal, in answer to a suit in which she was included, has declared that as Dorasawmy had taken possession of the family property he must discharge the family liabilities. Both parties state that they have debts contracted by themselves respectively, and those of Dorasawmy appear to have been rendered in some degree necessary by the largeness of his family. For Bungaroosoobummal I can see no excuse.

5. Under the Circumstances above mentioned I consider ¼ of the pension or Rs 26-12 as as proportionate to the position of Bungaroosoobummal. It is more than equal to her actual wants, compared with those of Dorasawmy Rajah; but some indulgence seems due to the nature of her relationship to the late Pensioner, and whatever answer she may give to suits, the Courts of Law may not choose to exonerate her from liability for part of her husband's debts. The property left by that person was very small.

6. The ground of Mr Blackburne's recommendation to allot ½ to Bungaroosoobummal was simply precedent, as will be seen by his letter of the 4th November 1843.

7. The Petition of Dorasawmy Rajah, received with the Minutes of Consultation of Government under reply, is herewith returned.

Madura
25 April 1855.

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

List of members in the family of Bungaroosoobbummaul widow of Soobroosawmy Rajah.

1 Bungaroo Soobummaul 1.

2 Her daughter Rajalletchmy Ammaul } 2 Married to Bungaroo Tiroomul Naick a Sharer in Vellavorichy

3d Bungaroo Tiroomaly Naick Son of No 2 } 3 Error.

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4 Vencatachummah alias Nanummal daughter of No 4 } 4 — Do ✓ 53

5 Palanyswamy Ummaul Mother of No 1 — 5 one of the Vellecooreichy family }

6 Bungaroo Soobbammaul's younger maternal aunts (name unknown) 2 } 6 & 7 Do & Sharers.

Male servants — (7) - 14 -

Maid Servants — (8) - 22 -

One Curnam — 23.

Total. 23

Madura 25 April 1855 -

List of Members in Dharayswamy Rajah's Family -

1 Dharayswamy Rajah — 1

R 2 Bungaroo Sayee, his wife — 1

3 Coattyswamy Rajah, his brother — 1

4 Aparanjee Ammaul Daughter of No 3 — 1

5 Akilandummal elder Sister of No 1 & 3 — 1

Anambalaghar 6 Dharayswamy Naik husband of No 5 — 1

7 Bungarooswamy Son of No 5 — 1

8 Palanayswamy Do — 1

9 Cunnaswamy Do — 1

10 Alamalummaul Sister of Do — 1

11 Dharay Narainaswamy Do — 1

12 Chakany Ammal another Sister of No 1 — 1

13 Chengammah Do Do — 1

In possession of a Village. 14 Gopaulsamy Naik maternal uncle of No 1 — 1

15 Gooroonajee ammal wife of No 14 — 1

16 Soobbarayaloo Naik a Relation of No 1 — 1

17 Aparanjee ammal daughter of No 16 — 1

18 Chinnaswamy Naik another uncle of No 1 — 1

19 Rama Ammal wife of No 18 — 1

20 Bungaroo Sayee Daughter of Do — 1

21 Chinnammal Do — Do — 1

Madura 25 April 1855 — 21

No 449.

To The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

R With reference to my letter of the 25 April 1855, I have the honor to transmit the accompanying address by Bungaroo Soo-

Soobbamal to His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon.

2 I presume that it is not the intention of the Ceylon Government that the Pension charged on the Revenues of that Colony should be applied to the support of persons unconnected by Blood with the persons expelled from it. If, however, such a claim as is set up by the Petitioner is recognized it will be so diverted. She is by birth a descendent of the former Rajahs of Madura, and the persons she supports are her own relations, not her husbands. In so far, therefore, as she supplies the wants of others, the Revenues of Ceylon are charged for the support of Natives of Madura. It appeared to me, under these circumstances, that as regards Ceylon Pensioners, the Widow should not be recognized as the head of the family, but receive only such a share as will suffice for her liberal maintenance.

Madura }
16 May 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector.

No 524

To The Chief Secretary to Government.
Sir.

With reference to the Minutes of Consultation of Government dated the 10th ultimo, I have the honor to state that undoubtedly Mr Bayley's Balance would be of great use in the Mofussil, but that the Treasury at Madura is so confined that there is no space for it.

2 The Madura Catcherry is an old Native pillared building, termed here Muntapum or Laghadum, and is situated in the centre of the Town opposite to the Pagoda. It would appear to have been originally quite open, and inwards, is for the most part, still so, but to adapt it, in some degree, to its present purpose, the sides to the North and East, which look into streets, have been walled in, Record rooms have been formed by enclosures between Pillars and additions, and 2 small rooms, one below looking into the street, and one above, have been added for the Covenanted Servants (the latter is now being enlarged). The Treasury consists of 3 small cash rooms kept locked & perfectly dark, formed by the outer northern wall, and walls run up between Pillars within, and of an interval between two of them on the

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one side and one on the other, having the Northern wall at the back and an iron rail in front towards an inner court, which serves the Cashkeeper and his goomastahs, as a room for the transaction of their business including the weighing, counting, and shroffing of Money. The very limited dimensions of this room seem to me to render it very doubtful whether Mr Bayley's Balance could be kept there with safety. At the same time there is no space adjoining the Treasury for an additional room. In fact the Cutcherry is so inconvenient both on account of its noisy and circumscribed situation, and its want of accommodation, that I should, ere this, have recommended the construction of another, had not considerable sums been expended in building record rooms.

Madura Vereacolum } Signed R. D. Parker.
2d June 1855. } Collector.

No 533.

To The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir.

1 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on the 19th Ultimo, of the Circular Min: Con: of Government No 561, under date the 10th Ultimo, noticing the great delays which occur in the receipt from Subordinate officers, of answers to enquiries made by government and inviting suggestions for facilitating the despatch of Public business.

2d As regards Collectors generally I believe it may be with truth asserted that the chief cause of the delay pointed out is the excessive labour thrown upon them. For myself, individually, I can state, with confidence, that I bestow upon my public duties not only those hours usually known as Office hours but every available moment, allowing myself no relaxation and as little exercise as nature will be satisfied with. And the same I know to be the case with my present Subordinates. With the information at hand I find it impossible sometimes to find time to write a letter.

3. That the number of Servants in the Revenue Department are too few for the work which devolves upon it, must, I think, be evident to all who are aware of the size of Madras Districts;

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the Extent of the Establishment and the great variety and extreme minuteness of its duties, and will compare these particulars with the relative amount of work performed in other Countries, and Presidencies or even by the Judicial Branch in Madras.

4 Madura, exclusive of Poodoocottah, contains, according to the computation made in a rough Survey early in the century, about 8,900 Square miles, and by the last Census 17,00,000 Inhabitants - To superintend the Revenue and Police of this large and populous tract, together with Salt, Seacustom and 5 Post offices, - and to transact much Special, Judicial, and miscellaneous business, there are at the present time 3 persons only, the Collector, Acting Sub Collector, and Acting Head Assistant - Sometimes there have been 4, but owing to absences for various reasons, chiefly sickness, the average lies between 3 and 4.

5 I would submit that this number is plainly unequal to the duty. I grant, that from the assessment of Madura being comparatively moderate, the Collection and Settlement of the Revenue of the Government Talooks involve but little difficulty, but in proportion as a people are prosperous their affairs require more hands for adjustment. A moderate assessment by making land valuable renders its possession a greater object of Contention, and the litigants almost always bring the dispute before the Magistracy or Police in the first instance, by asserting violent dispossession - In Madura too, unlike many other Districts, Village officers are the objects of the Keenest pursuit, and the enquiry into disputes regarding them form a very heavy and difficult portion of our duty.

6 It is not, however, necessary for me to dwell upon this point, because the truth of the reasoning has been admitted in the most full and practical manner in Canara, which, though not larger than Madura, employs two Civil Courts & two Sub Collectors and a larger number of Assistants than is usual, while the assessment is lighter, and the Revenue System less burdened by detail, than in any other province under the Presidency. In Tanjore also, a small compact and wealthy District, there is a Special Assistant - But the strongest proof of all is the Presidency, whose inhabitants enjoy establishments to secure their property and personal safety infinitely larger in proportion to their number

than any part of the Provinces, and those Establishments have great advantages over the Mofussil in the transaction of their business. On the other hand I believe that it will be found, that, taking the last 25 years, there have been fewer Assistants in the very extensive and depressed District of Cuddapah than in almost any other.

7 An objection may be made, as regards Madura, that a consi:derable portion is Zemindary, and that the correctness of the Census was impugned by Government at the time. To this I am prepared to answer, if called upon, but refrain from doing so here, because it is not at all my object to represent the insufficiency of Establishments as peculiar to this District; and I would beg most particularly to disclaim the presumptuous intention of questioning the propriety of the distribution of the means of superintendence which Govern:ment have hitherto had at their command.

8 In some respects I do consider Madura as labouring under special disadvantages, as regards replies to references. It is composed of portions of 3 Districts. Dindigul which originally formed part of Coimbatore, Madura proper, and Ramnad and Shevagangah received from Tinnevelly. The settlements of these Divisions were made at distinct times and on different principles &c., and the records and accounts are far from complete. It follows that the answers to many questions involve more than trifle labour. Moreover, I have the greatest possible difficulty in obtaining information from the Zemindar of Ramnad, whose Establishments are very much disorganised, and from Shevagangah, where, though it is under the Court of Wards, the servants are less informed and able than those of the Ayen Talooks, and the accounts remarkably deficient, no detailed Village accounts having been prepared with the Report on the permanent Settlement. The Madura District is also, not only very large but irregular in its shape, and the Capital is situated towards the Southern boundary instead of the centre.

9 Reverting to impediments affecting all Collectors, I would notice the large number of statements which they are obliged to glance over and sign. For every thing of this kind, even the Calendars of their

Assistants

Assistants, they are responsible, and frequently have to spend a considerable time in correcting the clerical errors and confused arrangement of the Writer of a Subordinate, while important subjects are awaiting their report - The lowest office duties of a Cutcherry, therefore, fall upon the same person who is responsible for the highest -

10. Another great hindrance to the consideration of important matters by Collectors, is the large number of Magisterial appeals from their Assistants - The Madura Court will not receive a direct appeal from an Assistant unless passed under Regulation VII of 1843 - I have already decided this year more than 80 appeals in the Magisterial Department, and have a large Balance -

11. The references from Government and the Board of Revenue &c are not the only ones made to Collectors nor are they all couched in the same clear and concise language - The Post Master General, instead of reducing the instructions received from the Director General to a few clear Rules, forwards the letters themselves to be circulated to the Post office Writers, who cannot understand them, and make constant references in consequence - We have also recently received from the Accountant General very numerous questions, embracing every subject of Statistical information, such as is usually considered to be within the province of the Board of Revenue alone. The answers to some of these questions are not within our power - For instance, we are required to state the amount of produce of every sort raised in a year throughout the District - no account whatever of which is kept by any Government authority - In the Ayen Talooks the accounts of Cultivation will enable me to form a rough estimate, but I shall find it exceedingly difficult to procure any account from the Zemindars - Another, is the quantity of Coin of every description in circulation - Our Village Establishments are quite inadequate to furnish such extensive information, in addition to their general duties, and the reception and Consolidation of the Returns by the Talook and Hoozoor Servants can only be effected at the expence of the regular business of the District -

12. To enable a Collector to return more speedy answers to questions put by authorities at Madras, I would suggest -

1st In the first place to relieve him of a portion of the detail

by the appointment of an uncovenanted Assistant to reside con-
-stantly at the Hoozoor Station, to examine & sign all the usual
returns and Calendars & accounts furnished from the office;
to have charge of the Treasury and Post office, with a moderate
portion of the Magistracy; and to be chiefly responsible for the
Records, information from which the Collector, when on circuit,
would be able to obtain through him much more readily than at
present.

2° In the 2d place I think it desirable that Joint Magistrates and
Head Assistants, above declared in the Gazette to have a Special Charge,
should communicate with the Courts & have their decisions appealable
at once to the Session Court.

13. I would also recommend that persons making frivolous and
vexatious appeals should be made liable to fine. A vast
number of an inferior kind of Vakeel gain their livelihood
by promoting complaints to the Revenue and Police officers, and
for the sake of their own trade never let a case rest, however
bad it may be, till they have run it through every Tribunal.

14° These are the Chief innovations that suggest themselves
to me. If an uncovenanted Assistant were to reside always
at the Hoozoor, or at all events during the Collector's absence,
the Covenanted Subordinates could live more constantly in their Talooks
than at present. Ramnad, containing more than 2000 square miles,
should always I think have a resident Covenanted Servant, and
another is very desirable to live between Sheevagungah and
Meyloore. I see no reason also why the Moonsiff at Perana-
-goody should not have Magisterial powers.

Madura Periacolum }
4th June 1855. }

Signed R D Parker
Collector.

No 535

To
The Chief Secretary to Government.

Memo.

The Collector has the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of 300 copies of Abstracts of the Candian Prisoners & Pensioners
forwarded with the Deputy Secretary's letters of the 5th & 31 Ultimo.

Madura Veerapandy }
8 June 1855 }

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector.

No 556

To

The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

With reference to Para 4 of my letter of the 4th June No 533, I have the honor to transmit copy of a Memorandum of the Civil Engineer 8th Division, requesting that the area of the District, as stated in a previous Memorandum prepared by him from the Survey report alluded to by me, may be corrected to 9427¾ Square Miles.

Madura Cotumpotum }
13 June 1855. }

Signed R. D. Parker.
Collector.

No 605

To

The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir:

I have the honor to report the death of Somamootoo of Ramanadapoorum, late a Pioneer of the Ceylon Government, who was on the receipt of a Pension of 7-6. Per mensem, on the 29 March 1855. The Certificate granted to him by the Ceylon Government is herewith forwarded.

Madura
28 June 1855.

Signed R. D. Parker
Collector.

Colombo Pauper's Certificate No 232.

The Bearer Sonamootoo, Ramanadpuram, receives, by order of Government, a charitable allowance of Seven Shillings and Sixpence per Month £ " 7 - 6.

When admitted _ 1st January 1836.

When to Cease: Unlimited.

Age at admission. Twenty four years.

Residence _ Bera Ferry.

Signed Jno. M. S. Glenie
King's Visiter

True Copy.

(Signed.) Charles. P. Penny
Agent.

Paid $\frac{13}{12}$ 1853 from May to November 1853 - 27. 8. 12
Paid $\frac{16}{5}$ 1854 from December 1853 to April '54 - 9 - 9
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Paid $\frac{18}{10}$ 1854 for 9 of 1854 - - - - - 3 - 14 - 7
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No 631.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government -

Sir -

In my letter of the 2d June 1855 I represented that Dr Bayley's Balance would be exceedingly useful at the Madura Treasury, but expressed a fear, that owing to the small accomodation, it could not be kept there in safety - This opinion was grounded on the supposition that the instrument is of a delicate nature, and would be deranged by such blows or pressure as it would be likely to meet within a crowded room - On reconsidering the matter, I think that danger of injury might be prevented by running out 2 iron bars from pillars abutting on the wall, supporting these bars with iron legs and placing another moveable iron bar across, thus enclosing a space which could be rendered sufficiently large & something of a recess by chipping away a kind of window seat of brick between the pillars - The outer wall is of great thickness & would not be weakened by this operation -

2 With this precaution, I may venture to guarantee the due preservation of the Balance, which would materially decrease the labour of the Treasury, and the detention of the Talook servants accompanying remittances -

(Signd) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
2d July 1855 -

No 717

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Minutes of Consultation of Government under date the 2d July 1835, requiring me to submit an opinion on 3 Questions.

1st Whether it is expedient to abolish the Board of Revenue, leaving its duties to be performed by the Revenue Secretary to Government.

2nd Whether it would be advantageous to substitute for it a single officer adequately assisted.

3rd What part of its duties may be thrown on Collectors when they are relieved of a portion of the details of their office by arrangements in contemplation.

2 In regard to unsettled Districts the duties of the Board are chiefly.

1 To propose alterations of Assessment.

2 To review the reports of the Local authorities on the yearly settlements of the Land and Extra Revenue.

3 To decide whether land is to be sold for arrears.

4 To decide on appeals against decision & orders of Collectors under Regulation IX of 1816, VII of 1817, VI of 1831.

5 To dispose of miscellaneous Petitions.

6 To overlook the administration of the Salt and other Items of Extra Revenue.

7 To consider the answers proposed by Collectors to suits brought against them.

3 In settled Districts, they have, in addition to the above, to discharge the very troublesome and complicated duties of the Court of Wards; and to decide on the apportionment of Peshcush on subdivisions of Estates.

4. If effectual measures are adopted to relieve Collectors of the details of their Districts, it appears to me that it may be left to them to decide finally on all cases under IX of 1816 and VI of 1831, which will, except in rare instances, only come before them in appeal. Finally, I mean, with the reservation of the power which Government now exercises of interposing its authority in extreme cases. I think also that the orders of Collectors on miscellaneous Petitions might then be accepted by Government on the same footing as those of the Board of Revenue are now. The amount of labour thus subtracted would be very considerable, for the Petitions and the correspondence growing out of them will be found to occupy a large portion of the time of the Board. I shall not, I hope, be thought frivolous if, in connection with this part of the subject, I venture to suggest that the efficiency of Collectors in their new position would be increased if their designation were changed to that of Superintendent or any other more correctly describing their real functions. While retaining their present title, it will often be objected to them, when deciding an appeal, that they are judges in their own cause, whereas the name of Superintendent would enable the Public to realize the fact that they had become Inspectors to prevent & detect injustice or error on the part of those immediately charged with the collection of the Revenue, & suggest amelioration whenever the system might be found oppressive.

5. I have answered the 3d question as a preliminary, because it is necessary to perceive how far the labour of the central authority will be diminished before considering by what machinery it can be best exercised.

6. I will now advert to the first, and beg to express a decided opinion that the labour of supervising the whole

Revenue

Revenue administration of the Madras Territories, without the intervention of authority intermediate between him and the Collectors, would be beyond the strength of a Secretary to Government, however ably assisted by Subordinates, and though relieved by the Collectors of many of the Miscellaneous Petitions and all appeals under IX of 1816 and VI of 1831. There would then, I think, be a danger of the evil often felt of the Governing authority being so encumbered by details, as to have little time to reflect on principles. I remember a published minute by Mr Clerk, when Governor of Bombay, complaining very bitterly of the toil thrown on the Government by the failure of the Commissioners to record full and clear opinions on the reports of the Surveying officers, and in Madras this task could not be escaped as there are no Commissioners; while at the same time the Provinces are more extensive. The duties of the Court of Wards would, in particular, it seems to me, prove exceedingly onerous. When Zemindaries fall under their care there are a great variety of troublesome matters to attend to besides the mere Revenue Management. There are suits of obscure origin to defend. Intricate accounts with money lenders to Examine. old Balances to be looked into with different accounts. Family claims and feuds to settle. illegal alienations to be investigated & resumed. In fact the operations which when connected with estates of a few thousand acres occupy in Europe the whole time of practiced men of business of considerable legal attainments, have here to be performed in relation to properties including nearly as many square miles. It seems to me that some Functionary to take off this duty and the apportionment of Peshcush on divisions of Estates from the Government & their Secretaries cannot be dispensed with.

7th For the above reasons the first proposition which would leave the Government office to deal alone with the business in the Revenue Department arising from 20 distinct Provinces appears to me inadmissable In Bengal not only

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are there Commissioners, but the permanent Settlements is I believe universal - The questions therefore for the decision of Superior authority of whether Commissioners or a Board, if as numerous, are probably of less variety -

8. In regard to the Second question, I think that in many respects, advantage would be derived from the Substitution of an individual, aided by a competent staff for the Revenue Board - I have no doubt that a considerable amount of time is sacrificed by a plurality of Members - In cases of difficulty it is a painful thing to make up one's mind, and the excuse of a Conference is gladly accepted for the purpose of avoiding it - But Conference occupies time, and ends frequently without a decision, responsibility for delay not being felt by a body as by an Individual - I doubt too, whether consultation ever strikes out fresh light to the degree that is obtained by the long & concentrated thought of one strong mind - The main objection appears to me to lie, in the very diverse character of the numerous Districts of which the Presidency is composed, and the vast field of subjects over which the attention of central authority in the so called Revenue Department in this Country must extend - It is scarcely possible that one person can have sufficient local information thoroughly to understand all the matters, disguised as they are by a difference of terms, which would come before him: but it seems to me that, if a number of able and experienced assistants, European & native taken from several Districts, were attached to him the Government would then have the advantages & saving of time which result from individual responsibility and unity of purpose combined with the variety of information & talent possessed by the present Board -

9. If it be asked why the same argument will not apply to the Secretary to Government, I would beg to answer that that officer would not act under the same sense of individual responsibility. Nor could he dispose of

of Cases with the same despatch as he would have the orders of Government to obtain - Moreover, in matters of Importance, such as now come before Government, the double scrutiny could not in my opinion be discontinued without disadvantage -

Signed R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura 21st July 1855 -

No 767

To
The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir.

With reference to the Minutes of Consultation of Government No 177 Dated 7th Ultimo, I have the honor to transmit the Pension certificate of Soobiah a probationary Superannuation Pensioner on my Establishment together with a fresh certificate by the Zillah Surgeon of his being permanently disqualified for further Service -

Madura
3d August 1855 -

Signed R. D. Parker
Collector -

This is to certify that Soobiah Tamil Goomastah of Madackolum Talook, is in my opinion, unfit for further service in consequence of an imbecile state of mind apparently resulting from the infirmities of age and which has not been caused by intemperance or other irregular habits -

As the individual has been in this state for many months and being upwards of 61 years of age he is not likely to derive any improvement from further relaxation from duty, or medical treatment, and I believe him to possess that degree of mental decay which should permanently disqualify him for further service -

Madura
27 July 1855

Signed I Colebrook
Zillah Surgeon.

True Copy

Signed R. D. Parker
Collector -

No 811

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To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

English XVII of 1855 5 Copies

Tamil XVIII of 1854 & X of 1855 3 Copies in of each

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Acts of the Supreme Government specified in the Margin.

Madura
13 August 1855.

Signed R. D. Parker.
Collector.

No 839

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

1st I have the honor to report the Death on the 22d January 1855 of Alagherryswamy Naik, a Candian Prisoner in receipt of an allowance of 40 cash and ½ measure of rice per diem, equal in a Short Month to 2 . 8 . and a long one of 2 . 2 . 9. This Pension was transferred to Madura from Trichinopoly under orders conveyed in the M C G. of the 18 June 1842.

2d I beg also to enclose a Petition from Pethaswamy Naik, brother of the deceased, praying for Continuance of the Pension in his name for the support of the family which according to the report of the Minister of Poodoocottah where they reside consists of the Petitioner and his mother Soobamaah alias Lutchoomee who have no means of livelihood.

3d The Pension being too small for reduction I would recommend that Two Rupees a Month may be continued to the Petitioner for the support of himself & the family from the date of the decease of Allagherryswamy Naick.

Madura
20 August 1855.

Signed R. D. Parker.
Collector.

No 858.

To The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir

I have the honor to submit a Petition from Kristnaswamy Naik son of Soobammal a Candian Prisoner claiming his Mother's allowance.

His Mother Soobammal widow of the late Vencataswamy Naik obtained under the sanction of Government dated 13th August 1846 continuance of the pension of Rupees 1-14-10 per mensem, enjoyed by her husband, and died on the 1st May 1850.

From the enquiry instituted it appears that the deceased left the following family and that they have no means of subsistence Kristnaswamy Naik the Petitioner, Nanammal his Eldest Sister and her husband. In analogous cases 2/3rd only of Pensions had been continued, but in consequence of the amount of the one in question Rs 1-14-10 being Exceedingly Small, Government Sanctioned the continuance of the full amount to the Petitioner's Mother, and I would beg to recommend that the same may be again continued without diminution in the name of Kristnaswamy Naik for the Support of the family from the date of Soobammal's decease.

L. Gt 13 June 1846
From D° 13 August

Madura
28 August 1855.

Signed R. D. Parker
Collector.

No 861

To The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir

I have the honor to submit for the orders of the Government of Ceylon the accompanying Petition of Veerammaul daughter of

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daughter of Seethasama Naik, deceased, a Candian Prisoner, who received an allowance of rs 5 - as 4 - per month and died on the 31st May 1847. The allowance was drawn up to the 30th April 1847 -

He resided in Prodoocottah, and left as I learn from a Report by the Minister, only one daughter, the Petitioner, who is married and has a husband a child alive -

No reason is assigned for the delay to apply for continuance of the allowance, but the Minister states the Petitioner to be quite destitute. I would therefore recommend that 2/3rd or rs 3 - as 8 - per mensem may be granted to the Petitioner for her life, from the 1st of January last -

Madura.
28th August 1855 -

Signed R. D. Parker.
Collector -

No 904.

To, The Chief Secretary to Government -

Sir

In returning the accompanying Petition No 1319 of 1855 referred to me for report, I have the honor to state that no order of Government or of a Collector against the arrest for debt of a Candian Prisoner has been found, after a careful search on my Records - These persons are Prisoners in name only - They have the full range of the District - The argument therefore, that they ought not to be in the custody of two different authorities at one & the same time is not valid - I cannot learn that any Candian Prisoner is now under confinement for debt, but one was so a short time ago, and obtained release by a compromise - It is certainly within the power of Government to prevent any portion of the allowance granted for the support of a Candian prisoner being sequestered by an order of Court, by withdrawing it when so appropriated, but I do not think that while these Prisoners enjoy full liberty as at present, it would be just, legal or expedient to declare them exempt from Civil arrest. They are very extravagant and not universally honest in money transactions, and should they be made free of all anxiety for the consequences, these bad habits would be strengthened -

From Government to Board of Revenue
Note
There has been no such order of Court in this instance -

As regards payment of these stipends in

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the Talook, I have the honor to state, that that there was no such practice when I joined the District, and that the order of Government dated 29 April 1852 may be continued to discourage it. As the majority of the Prisoners live in Shevagungah & Ramnad there would be some difficulty also in such payments. The rule has been so far relaxed that the residents in Poodoocottah are paid from the Rajah's Treasury. All the other Prisoners receive their allowance either in person or by Vakeel from the Hoozoor Treasury.

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Madura
5 September 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector.

No 915

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

1st In returning Petition No 1309 of 1855, referred to me for report I have the honor to annex a translation of my Endorsements referred to in the abstract of Petition to Government No 2656 of 1854 and to note marginally[x] a correspondence on the Government Records which contains full information regarding the Yeomiah and Enam village which are the subject of contention between Petitioner & his Elder Brother.

[x] From Govt to Bd 23 March 1847
To Board 21 June 1847.
From Do 30 Augt 1847 with Min Cons 20 August
From Do 4 October with Min Cons 31 August 1847
From Do 11 Novr 1847 with Min Cons 23 October.
To Board 22 Decm 1847
From Do 23 March 1848 with Min Cons 13 March 1848.

2 The circumstances are briefly these the Village of Callagody & a Yeomiah of 2 Cully Fs per diem were granted by the Mohomedan Government for the support of a Mosque and the maintenance of the Grantee. These are Registered in the name of the Petitioner Allah oodeen Chisty. His Elder brother Al Mohdeen Chisty alias Hyder Shah prefers a claim to a division which on the principle of not breaking up Grants for maintenance & Service has been refused and he has been referred to the Civil Court.

3 The Enams seem to belong to the Class legislated for by Regulation IV of 1831 and thereby excluded from the jurisdiction of the Courts except the plaint is accompanied by an order of Government referring the parties to seek redress in the

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Established courts of Adalut. Such an order the Lameen appears to have construed the Endorsement on Petition No 265 of 1854 to be, though it is drawn up with less formality than usual. It was plainly incompetent to myself to refer Al-Mohideen Chisty to the Civil courts as was done by my Endorsement translation of which is now submitted -

Madura (Signed) R D. Parker
5 September 1855 Collector -

No 925.

To, The Chief Secretary to Government -

Sir,

1 In returning the accompanying Statement No 116 made before the Commissioners for the investigation of alleged instances of Torture, I have the honor with referrence to the Endorsement thereon to Submit Copy of a report this day made to the Board of Revenue on a Petition presented to them by the same Parties -

No 166 dated 8 Septem 1855

2 Though the claim of the Petitioners to a refund of an over charge is well founded, I donot think that reliance can be placed on their Complaint of ill treatment, which they admit that they never made to any of the authorities of this District, altho they didnot fail to press for a revision of the Measurement of their lands -

Madura, (Signed) R D Parker.
8 September Collector
1855.

No 980

To,
The Secretary to Government.

Official Memorandum

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Memo of the 11 September 1855.

10 Copies Relating to the Revision of the Village accounts

Madura (Signed) R D Parker
22 September 1855 Collector.

No 262

To The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to transmit a letter addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor by A.B. the Tondaman Rajah.

Madura
22d September 1855.

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector.

No 1012.

To The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir

1st In preparing a Yeomiah statement in pursuance of the orders of the Board of Revenue of the 29 August, my attention has been attracted to the circumstance of the Seals on all the Sunneds Dated 1160 Hijree which according to Corresponding with A.D. 1747 / bearing the name of Mohamed Alie Khan, whose father Anwar oo deen Khan did not meet his death at the battle of Amboor till Hijree 1163 or A.D 1749. Perhaps Mohamed ali Khan Exercised the power of Granting Sunneds in Madura before the death of his father, but should there be any doubt in the matter, I would beg to recommend that the point may be referred for the report of the Government Agent at Chepauk who will be able to ascertain it by reference to his Highness' Durbar.

2 The Seal of another Sunned, dated 1175 Hijree or A.D. 1761 bears the title of Anwar oodeen Khan though the Nababbest known by that name had been dead some years. Anwar oo deen Khan, however was one of the titles of Mohamed alie Khan also, whose seal may have changed at Different periods of his rule. A short treatise on the Seals used in Sunneds in South India and the persons entitled to grant these, would it appears to me be very useful to enable Collectors to judge of the validity of those produced in Support of Grants, and I would venture to Suggest for the

Consideration of

of Government the propriety of requesting Dr. Balfour to undertake such a work.

3. A Sunned Dated 1160 Hijree another dated 1178 Hijree & another Dated 1179 Hijree in which the titles Awar Oodeen and well ofit are Combined in one Seal are forwarded for inspection.

In the Register prepared in 1802 all the Sunnuds of 1160 & 1175 Hijree are attributed to Mohomed Ali Khan.

Madura 2d October 1855
Despd on the 3d

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 1041

To The Deputy Secretary to Government.

Sir

I have the honor to return Petition No. 1589 of 1855 the village of Anaikpadoo not being in this District.

Madura
10 October 1855
Despd on the 11th

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector.

No. 1078

To The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir

I have the honor to submit, two bills for Bearers and Coolies supplied in this District to His Excellency the Commander in chief, and to request Sanction for debiting the amount 88-8-8 to the public account.

Madura
22d October 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector.

No. 2007

To The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir

The Accompanying Petition[x] & order[⊗] of Government thereon was presented to me by Soobraya Pillay on the 8th Instant. On Searching the Records I find only the enclosed Correspondence[#] on the Subject. The Draft adverted to is not forthcoming, and would appear from Mr. Vinsack's order annexed to the Petition to have been most probably returned to the administrator General.

x 9980 of 1855.
⊗ 23 Feby 1855 on Petition No. 3... of 1855.
From Mr. P. Cator Administrator 16th October 1822.
To The Register of the Supreme Court & Administrator 30 October 1855.
From Dr. 6. Rowen

I should think, that as the Draft was on the then Bank of Madras, some information regarding the Sum claimed may be gained from the office of the Accountant General or wherever else the records of the late Bank may now be lodged.

Madura
29 October 1855.

Signed R. D. Parker.
Collector.

No. 2028.

To The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir.

1st. I have the honor to transmit two Petitions addressed to H.E. the Governor of Ceylon one by Candian pensioner Doraswamy Rajah and the other by certain Members of his family, also an original and translate Mohazernamah.

2d. A previous application by this Individual was the subject of the correspondence noted in the margin, and his request having been rejected by the Ceylon Government, I feel some hesitation in submitting a further address on the same subject. As however it is clearly and respectfully written, and contains, as he supposes, arguments which will weigh with the Ceylon Government, I do not feel justified in refusing to forward it.

To Government
25 April 1855
No. 392.
From do. 10 July 1855

Madura.
2d November 1855

Signed R. D. Parker.
Collector.

No. 2051.

To The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Copies & Translation of the Acts of the Supreme Government as noted in the margin.

English
XVIII of 1855
5 Copies of each
Tamil XIV and
XVIII of 1855.
3 Copies of each.

Madura.
13 November 1855.

Signed R. D. Parker.
Collector.

No. 2078.

To The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir.

In forwarding the accompanying revised ~~reversed~~ statement of charges incurred for Bearers and Coolies posted for his Excy. the Commander in Chief in this District amounting to Rupees 175-11-1.

I have the honor with reference to Extract minutes of Consultation of Government of the 3rd Instant, No 1421 to State that a similar Statement was transmitted by me to Lieut Col Reid Quarter Master General of the Army on the 5 October 1855, but instead of returning to me the same he sent back with his letter of the 15 Idem, the Bills presented to him by the Madura Cutwall which were for a portion only of the charges incurred and were erroniously submitted with my letter to you of the 22d Ultimo No 1078. The difference due after deducting the amount Sanctioned, as entered in the Statement now sent is Rupees 87-2-5 for which I now solicit Sanction- An explanatory Statement is also submitted & the Bills Sanctioned returned for reference-

Madura
17 November 1855-

Signed R D Parker
Collector

No 2100.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Sir,

1 I have the honor to enclose an appeal to His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon against an Endorsement made by me on the Petition of the descendants of certain Ceylon Pensioners- The endorsement will be found enclosed in the Petition, which is left open for perusal-

2 Advantage has been taken of the resolution of the Ceylon Government to reject Petitions for renewal of pensions unless forwarded by the paying authority to revive claims which have long lain dorment- In such cases, it has appeared to me expedient to state the particulars in an Endorsement, not by letter, leaving it to higher authority to call for a regular report should such be deemed necessary-

Madura
19 November 1855-

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 2104

To The Secretary to Government in the Public Department

Sir
I have the honor to forward a Bill on the

on the Accountant General in your favor for the Sum of Rupees /12/ Twelve being the amount paid into my Treasury by the Zemindar of Ramnad on account of Fort Saint George Gazettes for the year 1855 -

Madura -
21 November 1855 -

Signed R. D. Parker
Collector

No 2114

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government -

Sir -

With reference to my letter of the 2d Instant, I have the honor to submit a Counter Petition to H. E. the Governor of Ceylon from Raunee Bungaroo Sooha=mmaal -

Madura
24 November 1855 -

Signed R. D. Parker
Collector

No 2140

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

From a conversation with the Revd Mr Muzzy I learned that to enable him to furnish the information requested by Govt towards the construction of a Geological Map it will be necessary that he should make a tour through Poodoocottah, Tanjore, Trichi=nopoly and some parts of the Madura District with the rocks of which he is at present imperfectly acquainted which will involve an expense, to which his limited allowance as a Missionary is unequal — at the same time he expressed great delicacy in applying to Govt for assistance.

2 Under the circumstances I deemed it my duty to offer to be the medium of communication. Mr Muzzy purposes to travel in the most economical manner, but as his journey will lead him to parts of the country where, with the exception of one or two places

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he will meet with no European hospitality he must necessarily be accompanied by servants and one or more bandies of cooking Utensils and other baggage. The usual travelling allowance of half a rupee a mile Mr Muzzy thought would be more than he would require but on consideration I do not think it possible that he can accomplish his journey with less without incurring a degree of hardship to which the Govt would be unwilling to subject him. In some wild parts of the Madura district through which he will travel he will not have even the accommodation of a Public Bungalow

3 I have the honor therefore to recommend that the Rev. Mr Muzzy may be permitted to draw a travelling allowance of 8a a mile, and that the Collectors of Tanjore Trichinopoly and Madura may be authorized to pay him in advance such sums as he may apply for on this account the two former debiting the Collector of Madura with the amounts drawn from their Treasury, and the Collector submitting eventually a contingent Bill for the whole sum for special sanction

Madura
31th November 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No 2152

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

No 2507 & 2518 of 1855

I in returning the accompanying Petitions referred for my report. I have the honor to state that my order complained of was passed with reference to the proceedings of the Bd of Revenue dated the 6th January 1855 copy of which and of the letter on which they were passed are enclosed

28 Novr 1855

Madura
4th December 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 2178

To

The chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Acts of the supreme Government specified in the margin

English XXI XXII XXIII XXIV and XXV of 1855

Madura 14th December 1855 (Signed) R D Parker Collector

No. 2207

To

The Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

With reference to the list of Books & blank forms relative to village accounts, dated 20th Septr last, I have the honor to transmit a Memo of the printed forms furnished to me.

The Tarpalins adverted to in the list are forwarded by the Treasure Bandies which leave this day for the Presidency to be delivered at the Govt. Office as therein required

Madura 18th December 1855 (Signed) R D Parker Collector

No. 2221

To

T Pycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to submit an application in the prescribed form for the grant of a superannuation pension to Terumal Row Moozoomdar of the Taudicoomboo Talook in the Dindigul Division with a certificate from the Zillah Surgeon x

x and to recommend that the pension may commence from the 1st Jany 1856

2 A certificate by the sub Division Sheristadar of the correctness of the age of Terumul Row as entered in the Register is also submitted

Madura 26th December 1855 (Signed) R D Parker Collector

This is to certify that Termul Row a Moozoomdar in the sub Division of Dindigul is in my opinion unfit for further service in consequence of the infirmities of old age which will physically and permanently disqualify him for further active employ and that these have not been occasioned by intemperate or other irregular habits

Madura
25th October 1855

(Signed) J. Colebrook
Zillah Surgeon

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

I do hereby certify that the age of Termul Row Moozoomdar of the Saudicoomboo Talook is 63 years and 10 days

Madura
26th December 1855

(Signed) in Maratta Venicut Row
Sub Division Sheristadar

No. 2241

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

26. 27. & 28. of 1855 5 Copies each — I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Copies of the Acts of the Supreme Government as noted in the margin

Madura
29th December 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 1

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that there are no Returns for the following Statements during last Month.

Salt Confiscated
Goods Do.
Return of Imports or Exports of Bullion at the Sea Ports.
Return of Revenue Defaulters confined in the Jail for the Quarter ending 31st December 1854.
Report of Casualties & of Revenue Defaulters released for Do.

Madura
4th January 1855

I have &c &c
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

To The Collector of Madura

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday, No. 31, I have the honor to explain that only two days before I was about to start on my return from the Neilgherries within my original leave, my Medical attendant found it absolutely necessary to give me a Certificate in extension for one Month, which was immediately forwarded for the counter signature of the Superintending Surgeon, who returned it for some informality, so that it did not reach me, nor was I in a position to make an Application for it, till the 14th of December. On the following day I transmitted the Certificate to your address with a letter requesting you would be good enough to forward the former to the higher Authorities. I now perceive with regret that I did not make it clear that I had made no other application, and that I ought to have placed in your hands with the Certificate a formal Application to be laid before the Board, which I now beg to do with this explanation, requesting that an extension of leave retrospectively under such certificate

certificate, already transmitted, may be obtained for me for one month Viz from the 23d November to the 22d December 1854.

I have &c &c

Madura
12th January 1855 }

(Signed) J. R. Cockerell
Assist Collector

Under the explanation afforded, the Collector recommends that the Leave of absence herein applied for may be granted. D

Madura
13th January 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No 2

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

1 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's proceedings of the 14 September last, communicating the desire of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for a special report shewing.

1st To what extent the ancient landed endowments in lieu of which Tasdeek Disbursements to Devastanums are paid, can be traced.

2ndly Whether they can be restored or new assignments of land be made in place of them, & the ready money allowances be discontinued.

3rdly What would be the feeling of the people upon the change.

2. The Devastanum lands still held by Government in the Madura District have been termed, in preceding Reports, the 99 Villages, but consist really of 98 entire Villages, some lands in another, & allowances from the Revenue of two others, & will be most conveniently classed as follows.

1 Endowment of the Huftah Devastanums of the Madura Division * and an allowance of Rupees 169. 12 as 8 ps out of 343. 10. 2, the Quit rent of the Mussulman Enam Village of Annajayoor. | No of Villages 53 ×

		No. of Villages
2	Endowment of 14 Sundry Devastanums of the Madura Division and an allowance of Rs 636. as 5. p 10 from the Revenue of the resumed Chuttrum Village of Mulla Kaum	23
3	Do. of 11 Devastanums in Dindigul	16
	Lands in the Village of Cumbum classed as a Separate Village	1
4	The Village of Pandagoody in Mylore which once belonged to the Ramalay Devastanum, but has not been enjoyed by it during the Company's Government	1
	Total	99

3 It will be at once seen that the Endowments are well known. The lands in Cumbum are clearly defined and are year by year settled separately from the rest of the Village. The remainder, except the allowances, consist of distinct Villages.

4. If therefore it be determined to restore the lands originally granted without reference to the proportion borne by the Inudeek to their Berige, there will be no difficulty in carrying the design into execution. They can be simply made over, 13 out of 18 Quit Rent Villages enumerated in the Statement enclosed in my letter to the Board dated 14th April 1849 paying their Quit Rent to Government and 5 to the Toroonloor Devastanum.* It will be further necessary to direct the Enamdars of Ammjayoor to deduct Rs 169. as 12. p 8 from the Quit Rent due by them to the Government & pay it to the Devastanum, & to assign to the Pagoda Terwa of lands in Mullan Kaum equal to the allowance now received from its Revenue with the following additions.

	per cent	Rs
Allowance for Sibbendy	4	25 1/4
Do. for Terupany for repair of Edifices	7	44 1/2
Do. waste	5	31 3/4
		101 1/2

and to exempt it from liability for its proportion of Irrigation

*Note. Erroneously entered in Statement E forwarded with letter to Board of the 14th April 1849 as paying Quit Rent to Govt.

Maramut Charges in consideration of its having hitherto received the Insdeek amount clear of charges, risk & responsibility.

5 But it is a point for the serious consideration of the Board, whether the Devastanums are entitled to more than such an extent of land as will produce an equivalent to the Insdeek & charges. The recommendations contained in my Report of the 14th April 1849 were based on the supposition that they were not. How far the question has been already settled by the Government I leave it to the Board to determine, and will content myself with adverting to the circumstances by which it is affected in this District.

6 In his first Report for the Madura Division dated the 27th January 1802 Paras 23 & 33 Mr Hurdis stated that the 58 Kuftah Devastanum Villages had been assumed by Yoosoof Khan the Nabob's Officer, and a Insdeek, first of 12000 Chks (Rs 25454-8-9) and afterwards 6100 Chks (Rs 12327-4-4) allowed in stead. Mr Hurdis continued them under assumption, & with the Board's Sanction, dated the 3rd January 1803, Para 16, fixed the Insdeek at the higher of the two rates, according to which, payments have been made up to the present time.

7 I cannot find any similar report relative to the 41 Villages belonging to the other Devastanums in Madura & Dindigul, but it appears from the accounts in the Cutchery, that ever since Fusly 1212, the commencement of the British Rule, they have been settled by the Government Officers. Whether they were received under assumption from the Nabob or not I cannot learn. A Insdeek at the present rate has been paid from Fusly 1213 (A.D. 1803), but the earliest sanction for the same, which I can find, is that communicated in a letter from the Board of Revenue dated the 22d May 1815 for a gross sum of Rupees 59,38?-?-8 including the Insdeek

Tusdeek for the Huftah Devastanams & certain Chuttrums 67

No. 1

8 From the enclosed Account it will be seen that, in Fusly 1212 the Beriz of the Huftah Devastanum Villages about doubled the Tusdeek, that there was a slight excess only in that of the Endowments of the Sundry Devastanums of Madura, & that, as regards the Dindigul Devastanums, the Tusdeek in the gross was 1/4 less than the Berize, but in the detail some Establishments received considerably more & some considerably less than the Revenue of their Villages. In the absence of any documents to shew the exact principles which governed the allotment of Tusdeek, I am disposed to infer from the above circumstances, that, except as regards the Huftah Devastanums, where the confiscation of a portion of the income by Yoosoof Khan is quite clear, it was intended that the Tusdeek of the others, which I suppose to have been fixed by Mr Hurdis, should, on an average, and in the gross, correspond with the Revenue of the Villages. the distribution being made according to the importance of the Several Institutions in Public opinion.

9 Recommendations for the Surrender of Villages yielding a Revenue equal to the Tusdeek were submitted in my Report dated the 14 April 1849, but I omitted therein to provide for charges & for the contingency of land remaining fallow. For these, I think, allowance should be made at the following rates.

Devastanum Maramut or Repairs when not included in the Tusdeek at 7 perCent of the Tusdeek.

Charges Collection at 4 perCent of the Berize being rather above that of the Madras column Talooks.

Irrigation Maramut at 7 perCent of the Nunjah Cultivation.

Allowance for Contingency of land remaining waste at 5 per Cent of Tusdeek.

10 To shew the Villages which would cover both Tusdeek & charges generally with a moderate surplus I beg to forward 2 Statements Nos 2 & 3, the former having relation to the Huftah Devastanums & the latter to the Chillarah or Sundry Devastanums in Madura & Dindigul. They require to be inspected together with Statements C, D & E enclosed in my letter of the 14 April 1849.

11. Statement No. 2 requires no explanation beyond that contained in the Note appended to it, but with respect to No. 3 it may be useful to remark, that in proposing in some cases to add Villages to the Original Endowment & to remit in others Quit Rent heretofore received by Government, in order to make up the income of the Pagoda to a Sum rather exceeding the Tusdeek, I have proceeded on the ground, that if it is right for Govt. to curtail Endowments where they exceed a Standard fixed at the commencement of our Rule, it is right also that they should increase them where they fall short of that Standard.

It will be observed that when I have recommended imposition of a Quit Rent to effect such curtailment, I have made it equal about ½ the excess, giving the Devastanum the advantage of the other half.

12. If I may be allowed to express my own opinion I would state that as regards the Huftah Devastanums the limitation of the surrender to an equivalent for Tusdeek & Charges is quite warranted by the circumstance of the Endowments having been sequestrated some time before the British Rule, & of our having found the Pagodas in the enjoyment of only one half the amount of Tusdeek, which ever since we have allowed them. With respect to the other Devastanums, however, the conclusive absorption in the Government Revenue of any portion of the Lands originally granted to them seems to me a measure of doubtful justice & propriety, since it is not certain from the information before me, that the previous Govt. to whose rights we succeeded had resumed them, & a comparison of the original Beriz of the Villages with the Tusdeek seems to favor a supposition that the latter was originally intended to equal the former. In this case I would cede the whole original Endowment to each Pagoda.

13. This course is not unattended with difficulty, inasmuch as the Revenue of some Endowments, chiefly in Dindigul, is less than the Tusdeek. For the reasons however well stated in the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Sub Collector, I would not allow that to be a bar to

a mode of treating the matter which is recommended both by its simplicity & freedom from interference with the original grants. I would propose, in short, that the arrangement exhibited in Enclosure No 2 should be carried into execution, but that for the course indicated in Enclosure No 3 should be substituted the simple surrender to each Devastanum of the landed Endowment originally granted to it with an Exception only as regards the Village of Pandagoody in the Meloor Talook which, though stated in the Accounts to have belonged to the Prasunnallay Devastanum in the Shevagungah Zemindary, an Institution now in possession of a large landed Endowment in that State, has never been enjoyed by it since the commencement of the British Rule. This I would finally incorporate in the Government Lands.

14. To the last Question there can be only one Answer, viz that the Natives view with dislike & alarm the substitution of their own Countrymen for the British Govt as the administrators of the lands of their Pagodas. The general want of public Spirit and frequent dishonesty of the one, and the strict probity & regularity of the other are facts they have ascertained by experience; and moreover they are used to submission to a strong central power, & are jealous & suspicious of delegates taken from among themselves. A very few may appreciate the motive; but I have not heard a single Native anticipate other than injury from the Measure itself.

15. I have one further remark to add. In Para 9 of the letter from the Supreme Government dated the 20 Septr 1845 it is stated that "the Governor Genl in Council supposes that authority exists somewhere to insure the punctual repair of reservoirs & Tanks whether the Parties responsible for the same are Zemindars or Enamdars," and my Predecessor expressed an opinion that no particular measure was necessary to secure this object. He seemed to think that self-interest would suffice. The Board, however, must be aware that the Madras Code contains no Act or Regulation to compel either Zemindar or Enamdar to keep the sources of Irrigation

Irrigation in repair, & they probably know from experience, that there is so little foresight among the Proprietors that even Zemindars pay no attention to this matter, so important to their own interests as well as to that of the Cultivators. In the large Zemindary of Ramnad, comprising an area of perhaps 2,500 Square Miles, there was recently not a single Maramut Superintendent or Maistry on the Establishment. The bad consequence of such neglect is not confined to the Estate in which it occurs. The Reservoirs out of repair often adjoin a Government Tank or Road, & when it goes they go likewise; & then follows an expense to Government & loss to their Cultivators, or in the Case of a road to the Public at large. It seems right that the Governor General, having asked the Question, should at least be informed of the real State of the Case. Moreover, when the Government Officers determine to repair a Tank the water of which is shared by an Inam Village, it is customary to call on the Inamdar to pay a proportion of the expense, and with more or less difficulty he generally does so, but there is no Law to compel him if he declines; and it may be doubted whether with the present disposition to question Authority, these people will continue to yield obedience to a mere Order of the Collector, founded as it generally is in such Cases on a Short Diary Observation of a Civil Engineer or his Surveyor, who have not in the least thought it necessary to consult the Inamdar.

I have &c &c
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
15 Jany 1855

[No. 3 to the Board of Revenue D. P. Works]

No. 4.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to request to be informed whether the
Circular

Circular Order of the 14 April 1851 is cancelled by the advertisement in the Fort St. George Gazette dated 12th January 1855, Page 49, relative to the Employment of Cashkeepers &c. in keeping Private Accounts.

2 In this District it has been accustomed to keep a portion of the Salaries of some Gentleman in a separate box & to make payments therefrom on a written order, noting such payment in a Book.

Madura 18th January 1855 }

I have &c &c
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 5

Official Memorandum

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Board's Memorandum of the 11th Instt.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

To the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

3 Copies of Decrees in Appeal Suits determined in the Court of Sudr. Adawlut at Madras.

Madura 20 Jany 1855 }

No. 6

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. In Para 20 of their Proceedings of 4th August 1853 on the Jummabundy Report for Fusly 1261 the Board require me to "consider & report in a separate letter whether the charge "of 615-4-8 appearing in the Jummabundy accounts as paid for "Devastanum Tusdeek may not be removed from the Accounts "of the Settlement altogether by substituting grants of land "in lieu"

2 The sum in question is paid to two Devastanums

	Rs	as	p
To the Teroomboor Pagoda	236	15	1
Combay Do.	378	1	7

3 The first Item is the Corropoo or Quit Rent on 5 Villages, alluded to in the correspondence noted in

in the Margin. The Villages themselves, which are included in the 99, forming the subject of my report of the 15th Instant, I re commended in that Report, to be made over to the Luvadoor Devustanum, to which they belong, & the Quit Rent to be paid direct by that Devustanum to the Pagoda of Luvomboor of which it is the Endowment. If this suggestion be adopted the Public Accounts will be freed from the Entry.

4 The 2nd Item is a yearly deduction from the gross Settlement of the Combay Village appearing in the Accounts ever since Fusly 1220 as an allowance to the Combay Pagoda; and in the Accounts of Fusly 1212 this sum is shewn to be the Teerva of 443 - 4 3/16 Goolies of Poonjah land belonging to the said Pagoda. Accounts for Fuslies 1213 - 14 - 15 & 16 are not forthcoming.

5. In Fusly 1217 Combay, which was a Colleim under Government Management, was given on a trien:nial lease & there was a separate Deed for this Devus:tanum land, which provided that the sum abovementioned should be paid to the Government then in charge of the Pagoda.

If the Fields could be identified therefore, they could be made over & the object at once attained, but their numbers are not specified in the Accounts or Lease & cannot now be distinguished. I see no difficulty however, in making over Poonjah land as nearly as possible equal in Extent & Teerva, if I receive authority to do so.

I have &c.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
20th Jany.
1855

No. 7

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir, I have the honor to report that there is no return of "persons charged with offences" & tried either by me or my Subordinates under

To Bd. 31 Octr/49
From Do. 22 Novr/49
Statement No. 3.

65

under Regulation IX of 1822, for the Month of December 1854.

I have &c &c

Madura
23rd January
1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

[No 8 to the Court of Wards]

No 9

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that there is no return of "Fines imposed and Stoppages made from the Pay of Public Servants" for the Quarter ending 31st December 1854.

I have &c &c

Madura
27th January
1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No 10

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 8th received on the 26th Instant, I have the honor to furnish you with 2 Statements one exhibiting the Collections & Charges of Sea Customs and the other of the only frontier Chowkey at Cumbom, for the Official year 1853/54, in the form therein given.

I have &c &c

Madura
30th January
1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No 11

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned printed forms alluded to in your letter of the 23rd December 1854.

Madura 31st Jany 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Salt Rowannahs	10,000	D.C. & Balance State.	40
Bills on the Accountt. Genl.	127.	Extra Revd. Statts.	24.
Letters of Advice Do.	100		

No. 12

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1 With reference to the Proceedings of the Board dated 11th December last I have the honor to state,

1st That the Keys of the Talook Treasuries are each night delivered to the Tahsildar, in his absence to the Moozoomdar, and if neither are present, which very rarely happens, to the Nagadee Gomastah

2d That the Cash Chest of the Madacolum Talook and the Salt Aumildar's Cutchery at Ramnad is placed in a separate Room and guarded by regular Sepoys belonging to the Detachment. In other Talooks the Chests are guarded by Peons.

3d At the opening of the Treasury in the Morning there are present the Shroff and the Nagadee Gomastah.

4th The Accounts are balanced every night.

2 In the particular Case to which the Proceedings of the Board relates, the Tahsildar had been absent from the Cusbah on Circuit among the Villages, during the greater part of several Months previous to the discovery of the defalcation, during which period the Monthly Examination of the Cash in the Talook devolved on the Moozoomdar. Supposing therefore that the abstraction of Money had been going on for some time, it is this Officer who was either dishonest or negligent in certifying to the correctness of the Cash at the said Examinations. Adverting to the inclosed Copy of a testimonial granted to him by Mr Clarke the Sub Collector, in whose Talooks he long served, and by whom, when Acting Collector, he was promoted to Madacolum I leave the Board to judge whether it is probable that he was an accomplice of the Shroff. It is not in general prudent to vouch for the honesty of Natives, but it is probably within the experience of the Board that in every District there are some 3 or 4 Officials of whose perfect integrity at all events as regards Money no one has any doubt - & this Moozoomdar is such a person.

3 I do not, however, acquit him of negligence and I must have expressed myself ill to lead the Board to infer that I supposed the defalcation to have taken place so recently as to leave the Examining Officer blameless. I have been wholly unable to obtain a clue to the mode in which the Shroff contrived the theft

theft, but my idea is, that he accomplished it with the aid of some Village Officers bringing in their Kists - Bags of Copper might thus be introduced instead of Silver - I deem it probable that this occurred in more than one Month, and that notwithstanding the protestations of the Moozoomdar, that, he made his Examinations carefully, he, an old man, was deceived in one or more occasions. The Talook Treasury is a dark little hole favorable to slights of hand.

4 The Board will ask why if believed negligent the Moozoomdar should pass unpunished? to which I beg to reply, that he has been punished in a manner suitable to the nature of his Offense - I informed both him & the Tahsildar that I held them both strictly responsible that the Government should not lose a single Rupee, and I am aware that they aided in the replacement of the sum missing.

5 Had either of these Officers been concerned in the theft, I feel assured that the Shroff would have accused them, out of revenge for the earnestness with which they pressed for his being punished as well as made to restore the money.

6 It is generally known that the Shroff had lately become very dissipated and given away large sums to Dancing Girls.

7 I propose to order that the Keeper of the Keys, whether Tahsildar or Moozoomdar, shall be present when the Cash Chest is open in the Morning, and that one of them shall see the remittances from the Villages counted when received.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
31st January 1855

No 13.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

If there is no objection, May I request the favor of a Copy of a letter addressed to Government under date the 15th May 1808 by the Senior Member of the Board of Revenue, who was deputed to Dindigul to investigate the cause of the alleged over assessment mentioned in their letter to Government dated 3d August 1815, Para 10.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
2d February
1855

No. 14

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. In reply to your letter of the 30th November last I have the honor to state that I apprehend no difficulty in the substitution of the Vernacular (Tamil) & English figures, for Mahratta as the language of accounts from the commencement of Fusly 1265.

2. I have ascertained by a personal examination that all the Servants of the Hoozoor can write Tamil & make English figures. A considerable number of them, but unfortunately not many in the Sheristadars Cutchery, are fair English Scholars. Almost all Native youths in Madura, who look to public Employ for a livelihood, study English.

3. The Returns from the Talooks shew that the means for carrying out the wishes of the Board exist there also, and I already receive a considerable proportion of the Miscellaneous accounts in Tamil & English, and the Sub Collector has done so for several years.

Madura
5th February 1855.

I have &c. &c.
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 15.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 25th September last, I have the honor to transmit a Statement in the Form entered in the Proceedings of Government dated the 19th September 1854 of the Fibrous Plants existing in the Madura District whether cultivated or wild.

2. The only Plants of this description cultivated are the Sunnantoo or Sunn and the Poolichee or Poolemungee (Hibiscus Cannabinus) & these to no great extent. The Sunn fibre is exported in small quantities to the neighboring Districts, but the Poolichee is consumed in Madura itself.

3. A large quantity of fibre is obtained from wild Plants chiefly Marool (Sanseviera Zeylanica), Lalee & Anthee which are trees & Velampoory. Some of the Marool is Exported to Trichinopoly and Tinnevelly. The produce of the others is not more than sufficient for home consumption.

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4 The part of Madura in which fibrous plants most abound is the Cumbum Valley, which is a long way from the Coast. The Board is aware also that the Madura Ports are small & too shallow for any large Vessels. It would enter into the export trade by Sea therefore under great disadvantages, and I am very sceptical as to the probability of any advantage arising from an endeavor to force production in this District by bounties of any description. If the neighbouring Districts export by sea, Madura will immediately feel the stimulus in the manner most suitable to her powers. At present she exports grain largely to Tinnevelly, and should Tinnevelly which, by possession of a tolerably good Port, Tuticoreen, and the agents of several European Mercantile houses, is favorably circumstanced for foreign trade, appropriate more of her land to raising products for export by sea, Madura will be called upon to supply her with still more grain & possibly for aid in the supply of the exportable commodity. I should fear that if the Cultivators were induced to raise fibrous plants by a reduction of assessment on that particular Cultivation or any similar direct encouragement, they might suffer loss from the absence of an immediate demand for the produce, and become prejudiced against the Cultivation in consequence. Whereas if an effectual demand (by which I mean offers to purchase made in the District itself) should spring up, I have no doubt that cultivation would increase in proportion, as is the case with Cotton. The Plantain is already grown in abundance, but as no Merchant enquires for Plantain fibre, none is extracted. When the demand is so real as to render it worth the while of the inhabitants of this District to expend labour in obtaining this fibre, it will answer the purpose of a Madras Mercantile House to send an Agent to the District to seek for it.

Madura
6th Feby 1855.
Despd 8th do do

I have &c &c
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

P.S.
A list shewing the botanical & tamil names of the Fibrous Trees & plants, is also enclosed.

No. 16

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir,

1 In reply to your Circular letter No. 183 dated the 25th Ultimo, I have the honor to state that there are no religious, charitable & personal grants in Madura paid by deductions from the Kistbundy Beriz under the terms Chatoor Baguem Punchum Hepah &c. All disbursements for the abovementioned purposes are already brought to Audit periodically.

2 The Board are aware that there is a Chatoor Baguem remission to the class of Bramins in certain Villages, the Rule being that whenever a Bramin cultivates his land himself he shall obtain the remission. This remission therefore varies both in amount and as regards the recipients every year.

Vol. 1 Madras Land Revenue Reports Fusly 1262 / 1852-53 Para 40.

I have &c. &c.

Madura
9th February 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 17

To The Secretary to the Court of Wards

Fort St. George

Sir,

Under the circumstances stated in the accompanying Report from the Sub Collector, I have the honor to request sanction for payment of the sum of Rs. 283-8 from the Funds of the Minor Estate of Ayagoody to Soobier of Yeddiacottah, as arrears of Salary as Vakeel during the life time of the late Zemindar, from Decr. 1847 to 15th April 1851.

* 24 Augt. /54 Despd. 8 Jany. 1855.

I have &c. &c.

Madura
9th February
1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No 18 48 27

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that there are no returns for the following statements during last month.

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Salt Confiscated

Goods Do

Return of Imports or Exports of Bullion at the Sea Ports.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
10th February 1855

No 19.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George.

Memo.

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Boards Memo of the 2d Instant.

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(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura 14 Feby 1855.

1 Copy of India No VI Punjab report 1851.52 & 1852.53.

1 Copy of Papers on the Tea Factories & Plantations in Kumaon & Gurhwal.

No 20

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

1 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d January last, desiring me to report my opinion on the probable effect of the removal of the provision in Act XXVI of 1850 for the improvement of Provincial Towns, which requires the consent of the Majority of the inhabitants to its introduction, & the expression of my views generally as to the causes of the difficulty of introducing the Act into the Madura District.

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2 It appears to me that some such an Act is urgently required, & that if made compulsory would be acquiesced in, & eventually approved of, by the body of the people -

3 I am informed that their objection to it at present is the idea that it is the duty of Govt. to keep the Towns clean, but I believe that their feeling would be more correctly expressed by stating that they are accustomed to look to some Central Authority to devise Rules for their guidance, & find it less troublesome to obey, than themselves to consider & arrange - No doubt also, they have a great dislike to incur the burden of a new tax, & are apathetic & blind as to the great advantages it will purchase for them -

4. The clearing out & improvement of the Town of Madura was very unpopular at its commencement, & required to be carried out with a higher hand than a Magistrate in these Districts would at present venture to employ - Yet its benefits are now universally acknowledged & the prices of building-ground have risen in value immensely.

5- The Board will perceive from the foregoing remarks that I consider that the Native Inhabitants of Towns, in their present state, require to be imperatively commanded to do even what is obviously necessary for their own welfare, & if I were to suggest any alteration in the Act, it would be to give the Magistrate the power of deciding that a course should be pursued against the opinion of the Commissioners, but I would check this power by requiring that he should in such instances obtain the consent in writing of the Judge, & fully

record

record all the Circumstances for the information of Governmt should it think proper to call for an explanation —

6. In my former Report[+] on this subject I recommended that the necessary Funds should be raised by a House Tax; & that the measure should at first be introduced in a few Towns only, often visited by European Officers.

+ Vide letter to Board of Revn 6 Decr 1850.

7 I would only add that although I would suggest that the Law should grant the Magistrate ample powers, I would recommend at the same time that he should be particularly instructed to proceed with great circumspection & feel, as it were, the public pulse before carrying out his measures. There would be some danger of individuals carrying out particular fancies involving considerable expence, such as lighting with vegetable Gas & erecting fountains in Towns, too poor & too backward both in condition & intelligence for such improvements. I am disposed to think therefore that as regards such innovations the concurrence of the majority of the Commissioners, should be made absolutely necessary, or some other check devised.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
14 Feby 1855.

[Nos. 21 & 22 to the Court of Wards.]

[No. 23 to the Board of Revenue D. P. Works.]

No. 24.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that there are no pet[i]tions

of "persons convicted & confined" and of "persons charged with offences" and tried either by me or my Subordinates, under Regulation X of 1822 for the Month of January 1855.

Madura }
Kodakanal }
26th February 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 25.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1 I have the honor to transmit Board's Petitions No. 987 & 988 of 1846, with a report thereon by the Sub Collector, which fully explains the cause of delay in its submission. 27 Decr. 185

2 One of the Petitions merely asks that one Field belonging to the Inam of the Toty of the Village of Toppumputty, not forthcoming, may be found for him; the other states that the positions of the fields of that Village are in confusion, which, it requests, may be remedied; but Mr. Clarke believes that the real object is to obtain reconsideration of an order passed by a former Sub Collector Mr. Davidson, and confirmed by the Collector & Board of Revenue in favor of the Zemindar of Ammanaiknoor in a boundary dispute between him and the Village of Toppumputty, whereby the limits of the latter were confined to a Knoll in the low Country called the Kettepattoo Karadoo, whereas the inhabitants claim some extent beyond the Crest of the Seramullay Hills. R.

3 Mr. Clarke's opinion is, that Mr. Davidson's decision was wrong, and that the truth lies between the 2 claims, that is to say that the limits of the Toppumputty Village extend to about the Crest of the Seramullays as shown by the red line in the accompanying Extract from the Survey Map, and not beyond,

whereas

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whereas, the decision gave their opponent land in the low Country

4 For the grounds of this opinion, in which I concur, I must refer the Board to the Report itself, which cannot be usefully abridged - and, with reference to Para 31, I beg to recommend 1st that Sanction be granted for re-consideration of Mr. Davidson's order - 2nd that the Cummins account for the land from Topparputty Village to the Rettiputtoo Karadoo may be adopted & 3rd that when an Engineer Officer can find the requisite time he may be employed to define the boundary laid down in the Map, and that the lands between that boundary & the Rettiputtoo Karadoo may be re-surveyed and numbered.

5 The drawing of the Karadoo has been mislaid; but it is not important, being designed only to shew that it is composed of 2 Knolls or rather small Conical Hills in the low Country.

Madura Kodakanel }
1st March 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

[No. 20 to the Court of Wards]

No. 27

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

Owing to the unusual quantity of Rain which fell during the past N. E. Monsoon, and subsequently, the Salt Pans have been considerably injured, & the Salt Ryots in consequence have solicited Inceavee to the Amount of 12.505 Rs. Their prayer is supported by the Salt Peshcar & the Acting Naib Sheristadar, who has recently made the Circuit of the Pans, and deeming it reasonable under the circumstances, I have the

honor

honor to request that the advance may be sanctioned.

Madura Kodakanal
2d March 1855
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 28.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Memo:

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Book forwarded with the Boards Memo of the 17th February 1855. D

1 Copy of No. XVI of the Selections from the Records of the Bengal Government.

Madura Kodakanal
3d March 1855.
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 29.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your Circular letter No. 358 dated 15th February last, I have the honor to forward a revised statement of Demand Collection & Balance for the month of January 1855, prepared in the new Form. D

Madura Buthlagoontah
10th March 1855.
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 30.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1 With reference to the Proceedings of the Board dated the 25th Septr. 1854, I have the honor to state that the Tahsildar of Tenkerray, having, in consequence of my instructions, endeavored to convey the wishes of Government in regard to the abolition of Hill Taxes, and the levy of a petty tribute as a token of fealty, to the wild tribes of the portion of the Pulany Hills in his Talook, reported to me the names of

certain

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certain persons who consented to pay small sums in lieu of a Rent for Honey wax &c, but as it was evident to me from the amounts proposed, that the object was misunderstood, & that the acceptance of these offers would re-establish the rents under another name I deferred giving any order regarding them till I should see some of the wild people who inhabit the Forests on the sides of the Pulney Hills.

2. With considerable difficulty three Individuals of them were induced to come to me who represented themselves to be Heads of families in Hills above Cumbum Combay & Hanumantunputty. They were dwarfish in stature and very slender in limb, but not so deficient in intelligence as might be supposed, & spoke the Tamil language with more purity than many of the lower Castes in the plains.

3. I could not discover from these persons that there is any such cohesion among the families as would constitute a tribe. I know not therefore where to look for chiefs with whom to enter into engagements for a tribute. Each family, or rather collection of the 3 or 4 families related to each other, must be dealt with separately, and as they live in Caves and Trees in forests nearly inaccessible and will run away when sought for I can name no time within which an interview could be obtained with the Heads of families. The Board will find their habits well described in Mr Clarke's letter of the 14 January 1853 which was submitted in mine of the 16th February following.

4. The 3 Individuals I have mentioned would have consented to give in tribute any thing or sum I chose to ask. I think a quarter of a Rupee from each, for the persons connected with them, will be sufficient and I recommend that the Sub Collector & myself may be authorized to settle for this sum with any Heads of Families whom we may be able to find. Mr Clarke who has

seen

seen more of the Hills than any other Officer reckons the number of families at 60. I spent a considerable time in endeavoring to impress on this people that in future they were at full liberty to sell anything they might collect for their own advantage, & that no one possessed the right to take it from them –

Madura Shathumputty
12th March 1855. } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 31.
To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1 I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Board the accompanying Copy of a letter and its enclosures from the Resident in Travancore, representing that certain Peons of that State who had pursued & arrested Smugglers in the Company's Territories had been assaulted & robbed.

2 The Head of Police of the Talook is, I believe, already engaged in an enquiry into the charge of violence & theft, and I am now sending him an order to report the result of his Proceedings with the view of disposing of this part of the case in the Police Department, but if the Board do not think the matter unconnected with their duties, I am anxious to learn their opinion whether the Servants of a Foreign State can arrest persons on a charge of smuggling in the limits of the Company's Territory – To me it appears that they cannot, and my orders hitherto have been, that as Cardamoms, Pepper &ca. are not contraband in Madura, no person shall be stopped when transporting them, unless theft be alleged, in which case the Police should proceed under the General Regulations – It will be observed that Mr Kolhoff goes so far as to ask that "orders may be obtained "from the local Authorities in the Company's territories that "hereafter they may render assistance in detecting & seizing "Smugglers & Smuggled Articles & give receipts for smuggled Articles "that may be delivered to them."

Madura Srimanacotore
13th March 1855. } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

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23rd Aug. 1855

No. 32 58/ 105

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to report that there are no returns of "persons convicted & Confined" & of "persons charged with offences" & tried either by me or my Subordinates under Regulation IX of 1822, for the Month of February 1855.

Madura
14th March 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 33.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to inform you that there are no returns for the following Statements during last Month-
Salt Confiscated
Goods Do.
Return of Imports or Exports of Bullion at the Sea Ports-

Madura
16th March 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 34.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir, Fort St. George

To Bd. 6 Decr 1849
- Do 17 Jany 1850
From Do 16 Feby -
To Do 21 Novr
From Do 30 Jany 1851.

With reference to the Correspondence noted in the margin I have the honor to forward Translation of 2 Plaints brought against the Sub Collector in O.S. Nos 63 & 64 of 1854 on the file of the Sub Court of Madura, with Copies of his proposed Answers. The latter appear to me to be full & satisfactory, & I therefore request Sanction for carrying on the Suit at the Public Expense-

Madura
21st March 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

[Nos 35 & 36 to the Board of Revn D. P. Works]

No. 37.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir, Fort St. George

With reference to your letter No. 650, dated 15th March 1855.

1855, I have the honor to inform you that under the Board's Circular instructions of the 30th November 1854 the Report on Cotton was embodied in the General Settlement Report of this District for Fusly 1263.

Madura
24 March 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 38.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Board's letters of the 16 Nov. 1854 & 15th Instant No. 65, I have the honor to state that not apprehending any difficulty in adopting the instructions therein contained I did not deem any reply necessary, particularly as the 2d para called for a report in such case only.

Madura
24 March 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 39.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to Extract Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 26 Ultimo I have the honor to inform you that the number of printed Copies of the Regulations required for distribution among the Village Moonsiffs & Curnums of this District are as follows.

Tamil Translations of Regns IV & V of 1816 for Curnums are 3581.

Tamil Do. of Regn XI of 1816 for Village Moonsiffs 3791.

Madura
24 March 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 40

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 2d Nov. 1854 I have the honor to submit a statement exhibiting the loss of Revenue which will ensue from collecting land tax on all Topes in this District now paying tree tax, & I beg to refer the Board to

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my letter of the 13th March 1854 in which this change is earnestly recommended

2 The total loss it will be seen is put down at 5147-12-"

3 All topes will then pay land tax only except such as belong to Government & are periodically rented-

4 I note marginally the Revenue derived both from Topes of all sorts & scattered Trees in Fusly 1262, when I took a detailed account from the Talooks-

Topes paying tree tax	7682-8-1
Tax on scattered trees	11840-10-7
Topes periodically rented	4376-14-3
Total	23900-"-11

5. Board's Petition No. 2038 of 1854 is herewith returned-

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
27th March 1855

No. 41.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

1 In reply to your letter of the 5th Instant I have the honor to state that I think it desirable that the Exhibition for Madura & Tinnivelly should be separate & that Mr Bird concurs in this opinion. The area of the 2 Districts is very large.

2. If the Board look to me to suggest the names of the Persons to be appointed to the Committee, I shall be obliged by information of the general idea they entertain of the composition of such Committees both as regards numbers & the admixture of Natives with Europeans-

3 The Board are aware that April has appeared to me to be the Month in which an Exhibition can be held with most convenience to the Native community-

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
28th March 1855

[No 42 To The Board of Revenue & P. Works.]

No. 43.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir, Fort St George

1 With reference to the Boards' Circular of the 6th May 1852, I have the honor to state that strong representations have been made to me of the propriety of including "Nagadee Gomastahs" in the Category of those who should find security, as from their writing the accounts of the Talook Treasuries they are always near the Shroffs & generally implicated in any embezzlement by those officers. In Shevagungah, where from its being under Amany, the Umildar & Moozoomdar are obliged to make Circuits to superintend the harvest, the Nagadee Gomastahs have still greater opportunities. I think it desirable that they should find the same Security as the Talook Shroffs Vizt 1000 Rs.

Madura (Signed) R. D. Parker

30th March 1855 Collr

No. 44

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir Fort St George

1 I have the honor to transmit for the consideration and orders of the Board the accompanying Petition & Letter addressed to me by G. F. Fischer Esqre in behalf of the Pundarum of Cunnacoody &ca commonly called the Ramnullay Devastanums, applying for payment of the Sums of 10,600 Rs & odd which, under the orders of the Board, have been expended on Works of general Utility.

2. The question of the propriety of including this sum in the Amount to be so appropriated was discussed in the Papers noted in the Margin× & decided in the affirmative. In India, so large a proportion of the Revenue of the Country has been alienated to Religious Institutions that it seems reasonable that they should share in the expenses of Government

× To Bd. 31 Augt 1846 No. 153. From Do. 10 June 1847 with Min. Con. 18 March 1847 No. 367.

especially in those particular portions thereof which affect the Revenue such as the formation of Roads &c.

Madura
30th March 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 45.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

1 I have the honor to request that you will lay before the Board of Revenue the accompanying Papers,× relative to the right of Village Officers to sell the Coodywarom of their Service Enams.

2. It having come to my knowledge that the Sub Court of Madura was about to sell by Auction, for a debt, the Coodywarom of certain Service Enam land in the Village of Cullanay, Madacolum Talook, I represented, through the Government Vakeel, the illegality of such a proceeding, but the Court maintained its propriety, and the Civil Court on Appeal has done the same.

3 In some cases in this District, land has been granted, since the Fysul, as Service Enam which was at the time in the occupation of Ryots. As regards such land, the Enam has been considered to be restricted to the Melwarum; but with this exception it has been always held to comprize both Melwarum & Coodywarum.

4 This Point the Civil Judge, it will be observed, considered open to question. He has since allowed the Coodywarum to be sold by Court Auction for a debt, as I took no measures to eject the Debtor.

5. I must here explain that the Village officers themselves had some years previously, unknown to the Collector, sold the Coodywarum, and the sale alluded to by the Judge was on account of debts due by the Purchaser one

× No. 1 Extract Pro. of the Civil Court 15 Octr/54
No. 2 Copy of Order to the Govt Vakeel
No. 3 Extract Pro. of the Civil Court 15 Novr/54.

No. 4

one Soobeen - I Enclose a Statement shewing the alienated Service Enam lands of the Village - The lands now sold by Auction are marked with an Asterisk -

6 I am desirous of being informed 1st Whether the Board consider the Village Service Enam to include the Coodywarom as well as Melwarum of such lands as are Entered in the Fuzul Accounts as Enam, or have been granted since when waste -

2ndly If they do so, what measures they wish me to take in support of this doctrine.

7 On the 1st Head it may be observed in favor of considering the Coodewarom of the Enam as private property, that the Enamdar will otherwise have no inducement to expend money in its permanent improvement. On the other hand, a dismissed Village officer, if he remains in actual possession of the Enam land, may from spite leave it waste, & thus deprive his successor of his Emolument. The 2d or latter argument seems to me the more cogent ~~cognizant~~ of the two -

8 On the 2d Point, it seems to me that to take the Coodywarom from the Purchaser & transfer it to the Curnom, who sold it, would make the latter a gainer by his own wrong - The better plan would be to dismiss him, & to make over the Enam, both Coodywarum & Melwarum, to his Successor. The ejected Purchaser would appeal to the Court whose jurisdiction we could deny with reference to Regulation VI of 1831. The question would thus probably be brought before the Sudr Udalut, but the Board may perhaps think it possible to refer to that Authority at once -

Madura
31st March 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 46. 55 111

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

*No. 2 of 1855.

1. I have the honor to submit Translation of a Plaint presented on behalf of the Zemindar of Yetteapoorum to the Civil Court of Madura against myself & the Zemindar of Ramnad, for the recovery of the land at Paralachy in dispute between the Zemindars of Yetteapoorum & Ramnad, which, for the purpose of preventing bloodshed was sequestered by the order of Government dated 31st Decr. 1835, passed in conformity with the Board's recommendation under date the 21st Idem.

2. I enclose also Copy of a Decree by the Sudr. Udalut awarding the Zemindar of Yetteapoorum certain other lands, which being in the same manner in dispute between the two Zemindars were adjudged & delivered by Mr. Blackburne to the Zemindar of Ramnad.

3. On the strength of this Decree Mr. Frisher the Vakeel of the Yetteapoorum Zemindar claimed of me the Paralachee lands, but as it does not at all follow that because certain lands in dispute have been awarded to one party, all others in dispute should also belong to him. I contented myself with enquiring from the Ramnad Zemindar whether she would consent to the delivery;- reference was made in September and no answer was received till the end of last month, and then in the negative.

4. In the draft of an Answer herewith submitted I have confined myself to stating simply the cause of the sequestration and the readiness of the Government to deliver the lands and Mesne Profits, according to an account appended to the answer, to whichever party the Court might decree.

5 The Amount in deposite will be seen to be 6096.2.2.
6 The Board need not be told that more than 12 years have expired since the sequestration, without any suit being brought.
7 I request sanction for carrying on my defence at the public expense.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
31st March 1855

[No. 47 to the Court of Wards].

No. 40

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to state that it is true, as mentioned in the accompanying Petition, that the Petitioners Palmyra Tope paid from the time it was planted till Fusly 1249, on the fruitful trees alone, & on them at the rate of 5 pice per tree only. In Fusly 1250 Mr. Blackburne altered the assess into 8 Pice for bearing & 5 for unfruitful trees. In 1251 he exempted the latter. From Fusly 1252 to Fusly 1258 inclusive the unfruitful trees were exempt and the tax on each bearing tree, levied at 5 pice. In Fusly 1259 & 1260 the rate levied was the same but unfruitful trees were included. In Fusly 1261 the Sub Collector in charge raised the tax on fruitful trees to 8 Pice, continuing that of 5 on the unfruitful trees. + No. 2130 of 1853.

2 It appears to me that as Palmyra trees are as useful for Olays & timbers as for fruit, such as do not bear should not be exempt, but that the rate on no tree should be higher than that originally charged viz. 5 Pice. I have already, however, in my letters of the 13th March 1854 & 27 March 1855, recommended that only Land tax should be levied, but as it would be improper to anticipate the Board's decision by an endorsement, I beg to submit the Petition for their orders.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura 3rd April 1855.

No 49.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Official Memorandum

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Board's Memo: dated 26th March 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Copies
1. Selections No. 1 Navigation of the Godavery.
1 Do. No. VI General report of the Road department
3 Do. No. VII Reports on the Swinging festival.
3 Do. No. VIII Proposed plan for the revenue assessment of Kurnool.

Madura
3rd April 1855

[No. 50 to The Board of Revenue D. P. Works.]

No. 51.

To The Board of Revenue Fort St George

Sir

The letter is said to be with the Collector

No. 52.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that there are no Returns for the following Statements during the Month of March 1855.

Salt Confiscated
Goods Do.
Return of Imports or Exports of Bullion at the Sea Ports.
Return of Revenue Defaulters Confined in, & released from Jail for the Quarter ending 31st March 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
7 April 1855

[No. 53 To The Board of Revd. D.P. Works.]

No. 54.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Memorandum.

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Board's Official Memo of the 31 March 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
10th April 1855

Copies
2 Report on the administration of Civil Justice under the Madras Presidency for 1853.
1 General Report on the administration of the Punjab for 1849/50 & 1850/51.
4 Selections from the records of the Madras Govt. No. IX Revenue Survey.

No. 55.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

To Bd. 29 Decr./53.
From Do. 26 Jany./54.

Sir,
With reference to the Correspondence noted in the Margin, I have the honor to forward Copy of a Decree in favor of the Collr., the Defendt. in Suit No. 88 of 1853 on the file of the Civil Court of Madura.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
12th April
1855

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Official Memo: Fort St George
The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Board's
D Memo. dated 9th March 1855.
Copies 10 each, in 2 Vols, Tamil Translation of Circular Orders of the Board of Revenue from A.D. 1820 to 1850 inclusive.
Madura }
12th April 1855. } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 57.
To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir, Fort St George
With reference to para 4 of my letter of the 1st March 1855 I have the honor to forward the original drawing
D of the Karador therein adverted to, which has been since found.
Madura }
14 April 1855. } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.
[No. 58 to the Court of Wards.]

No. 59
To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir, Fort St George
I have the honor to report that there is no Return of "Persons charged with offences" and tried either by me or my
D subordinates under Regulation IX of 1822 for the month of March 1855.
Madura }
14 April 1855. } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 60
To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir, Fort St George
I have the honor to report that Mr. F. S. Child Acting
D Sub Collector of Madura received charge of his Office from
our

Mr. T. Clarke on the 13th Instant, & has taken the necessary oaths of office prescribed by the Rules.

Madura }
15th April 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

[No 61 to the Court of Wards.]

[No 62 to the Board of Revenue D. P. Works.]

No 63.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Official Memo.

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Board's Memo of the 4 April 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

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Copies 3 Revenue administration Report of the North West Provinces for 1848/49. 1849/50 & 1850/51.

1 Mr. Reade's Pamphlet on Khass Management in N.W. Provinces.

1 Memoir on the Statistics of the N. W. Provinces.

Madura }
Thoorvootoor }
18 April 1855. }

No 64.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

A large Map of the Ramnad Zemindary being nearly illegible, I have the honor to request sanction for having it copied by the Departments of the Chief Engineer.

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Madura }
21st April 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No 66 to the Board of Revenue D. P. Works.
No 67 to the Court of Wards.

No. 65. 58

To
The Secretary to the Court of Wards
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit Copy of a letter and its Enclosure from the Sub Collr. Mr. Clarke, & to request Sanction for the Establishment proposed by him for the future administration of the Hurgoody Zemindary, and retrospectively for the extra time 3 Hurgany Koomakees & one Hurgany Ameen have been employed beyond the year originally contemplated.

(Signed) R. O. Parker
Collr.

Madura
21st April
1855

No. 68 59 117

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Official Memo Fort St. George

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the

D undermentioned Books forwarded with the Boards Memo of the 16 Ultimo -

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

1 Copy of Statistical Report on the District of Gorgoon.
1 Do Do of Cawnpoor.

Madura 1st May 1855.

No. 69.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir, Fort St. George

I have now the honor to furnish you with the List of the Oils & Resins in this District as required in Extract

D Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 19th October 1854.

Madura 1st May 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Nos. 70, 71 & 72 to the Board of Revenue D.P. Works -

No. 73.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir, Fort St. George

1 With reference to the Proceedings of the Board dated the 13th July 1854 I have the honor to submit the accompanying Copy of a letter from Mr. Clarke, late Sub Collector, stating his sentiments on the several amendments proposed by the Board & Government of the propositions for future taxation & Establishments on the Pulney Hills contained in the letters noted in the Margin.

*13th April 1855

* No. 13. 23 March 1854
No. 25 May "
& 13th July "

2 The distinction between Poonjah & Garden has been abolished in the lower Ranges, & the Board require Explanation why it

Ry should continue in the Upper - It will be seen that the Garden lands in the two differ widely, those in the Lower Range being strictly Poonjah, while that in the Upper is Irrigated Land of a very superior description - I had pointed this out in my Settlement Report for Fusly 1260 quoted by Mr. Clarke -

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It is perhaps a misnomer to call the latter Garden - Double Crop Nunjah would be a truer description, though it is not cultivated with Paddy, a crop perhaps unsuited to the altitude, but with Garlic, Barley &c. The same water which irrigates two crops of such products in these lands, after a descent of from one to two thousand feet, brings to maturity, in 10 months, 1 crop of Coarse Rice in the lands classed as Nunjah - It is obvious therefore that the assessment on the former should be higher than that on the latter. It will be well perhaps to change the name to Double Crop Nunjah, the lower being distinguished as single Crop Nunjah. Under the present system there is no reason why the term Nunjah should be confined to land cultivated with Paddy.

Note
This Nunjah attached to the Villages of the Upper Range must not be confounded with that of the lower Range - though as it lies far below the Elevation of the Village it may be necessary in distinguishing it from the Totum to term it the lower Nunjah -

3. Mr. Clarke does not state very distinctly what, in his opinion, should be the tax on this Upper Range Totum or Double Crop Nunjah, but says that if it is determined to reduce the tax thereon to 3 Fanams, it is just that the Nunjah lands (or single crop Nunjah) should be reduced to 2 Fanams per Gooly - In that case the rate on single Crop Nunjah and on the Poonjah will be the same. It will be a sufficient indulgence I think to charge 3 Fanams per Gooly for the single Crop Nunjah (now Nunjah) and 4½ fanams for the Double Crop Nunjah (now Totum), but if the Board is disposed to be more liberal, I should be sorry to be an obstacle -

4. As regards Plantains on the lower range Mr. Clarke proposed experimentally that all existing Gardens be taxed as Poonjah, and any raised in future on cleared ground the same, but that where any clearing may take place they shall be charged 10 - 15 Fanams. I beg to support this recommendation & would name 15 Fanams in the second case, as the object is prohibition -

5. The Cardamom Gardens, Mr. Clarke thinks, may be charged with only Poonjah rates, in which opinion I concur, it being understood, as stated in the Government Proceedings of the 30th June 1854, that the permission to raise this product in woods on the above tax confers no right to the trees, & that the Revenue Authorities may grant a short Cowle if they deem it necessary - Hitherto Cardamoms have not succeeded well at this Elevation, & a Cowle therefore may foster an [illegible] product, but if the Rev. Authorities

Authorities are allowed the latitude they will use it with discretion -

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10 May 1855

6 I agree with Mr. Clarke in thinking the number of Curnums proposed in his former Report to be indispensable, & with reference to his Remarks I would beg to recommend two Amildars with Revenue & Police powers but with salaries reduced to 25 Rupees a Month each, the one for the lower range being also a District Moonsiff & aided by a Royasum on 7 Rupees per Mensem - I would also appoint 4 Peons to preserve the Kanuls from indiscriminate felling.

7. The Board will observe that no aid in Education for the Hills is to be expected from the American Board or any other Missionary body - I beg therefore to propose 4 Tamil Schoolmasters on 10 Rs. a Month - 2 to be employed in the Upper & 2 in the lower Range

8. The Civil Engineer has devised, and probably reported on a System of roads, to enable the Hill Villages to communicate with each other & with the Low Country

Madura }
5th May 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 74

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 16th Ultimo No. 882 I have the honor to inform you that the Statement therein called for has been already forwarded to you on the 24 August last.

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Madura }
5th May 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

[Nos. 75 & 76 to the Board of Revenue D. P. Works.]

No. 77.

To The Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Official Memorandum

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Boards Memo. of the 24 Ultimo & 3rd Instant -

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Madura Manamadura 9 May 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

1 Copy of Report on the Census of the North Western Provinces.
1 Do. of Directions for Revenue officers.
1 Do. for Collectors Part I
1 Do. for Do. Part II
1 Do. of the Revenue Administration Report of the North-western Provinces for 1852/53.

No. 78.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Official Memo. Fort St. George

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Board's Memo of the 30 April 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

4 Copies of Selections No. IX Reports on important public Works for 1851.
4 Do. No. X Do. Do. for 1852.
2 Do. of Report on the administration of Criminal Justice under the Madras Presidency for 1853.

Madura Maravencolum }
11 May 1855. }

[Nos. 79, 80, 81 & 82 to the Board of Revenue D.P. Works].

No. 83.

To The Board of Revenue

Sir, Fort St. George

1 I have the honor to request the instructions of the Board of Revenue in the following Case of Boundary dispute between Bhumdary in this District & Saptoor attached to that Zemindary in Tinnivelly.

2 The extent of land under dispute at the Survey as shewn in the Olugoo & Summabundy Accounts of Fusly 1212 of the Government Villages on my record at 1395 - 6¾ (Goolies, Vas) This was increased to & entered at 4057 - 15¾ in the Account of Fusly 1218 with the following particulars.

Entered

"Entered in the Petition" 61/121

Extent disputed during Mr. Hurdis's Survey....	1392-7¼
" gradually encroached upon by the Poligar	2607-8¾
	4000- "
Extent not entered in the Petition but disputed during measurement in the present year"	57-15¾
	4057-15¾

3 The meaning of the headings "Entered & not entered in the Petition" is not now clearly understood, but it is supposed that a Petition had been presented on the subject at that time -

4 The extent shewn above was reduced to 4012-6½ in Fusly 1242, 3794-9¼ in 1243, 3777-11½ in 1244 & to 5773-3¾ in 1245, as exhibited by the accounts of those fuslies, the difference being included with Ain lands - Since 1245 the last mentioned extent is continued to be entered as that under dispute -

5 In consequence of a Complaint preferred to me by the Government Ryots I directed the disputed spot to be measured with reference to the Oloogoo of Bhundary as I learned from the Collector of Tinnevelly that no similar or any other Survey account was forthcoming for Saptoor - But the Mother of the present Minor, in whose possession the Estate is placed, objected to my wish being carried into execution, on the grounds that the dispute had already been decided by the Tinnevelly Authorities in her favor, & that the Survey Oloogoo of Bhundary Village is not genuine -

6 This decision I find is no other than an Endorsement referred to in the accompanying Copy of a letter from a former Collector of Tinnevelly dated 14 September 1827, which Endorsement is not on the Madura Records.

7 If the Board acquiesce in the opinion expressed in the letter I beg to know to what extent of the land at present under dispute they consider the Zemindar entitled - I should think his right confined to the extent entered as disputed in the Survey account, because the Cultivation by the Bhundary Ryots of a portion of the land subsequently added in Fusly 1218 has

never been objected to. At any rate the Sanction of the Board is required for the correction of the Ayaut Accounts of Bhun-dary. I enclose Copy of a letter from the Collector of Tin-nevelly stating that the Mother of the Minor Zemindar of Saptoor will not enter into a compromise.

Madura
14 May 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 84.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that there are no Returns for the following Statements during last Month.

Salt Confiscated
Goods Do.
Return of Imports or Exports of Bullion at the Sea Ports.

Madura
14th May 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

[No. 85 To the Board of Revenue D. P. Works.]

No. 86.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th Ultimo I have the honor to state that the reason of the decrease in Collections under the Head of Land Revenue Arrears as compared with the previous year observable in the Demand Collection & Balance Statement for January last, is simply the decrease in the Demand under that Head, arising from the greater punctuality with which the Rent was collected in Fusly 1263, especially as regards the Peshcush of the Shevagungah Zemindary. The Particulars are shewn in the accompanying Statement.

Madura
16th May 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 87.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

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Sir, With reference to the Board's Circular of the 6th May 1852 I have the honor to suggest the propriety of requiring Security to the amount of 500 Rupees from Police Ameens who frequently have charge of money, arising from fines Salaries &ca to that amount.

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Madura } (Signed) R.D. Parker
17th May 1855. } Collector

No. 88

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Official Memo: Fort St George.

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Board's Memo: of the 4th & 5th May 1855.

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(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

2 Copies of Second Report of the Commission appointed to enquire into the System of Public Works.
4 Do. of Selections No. II of 1855, Navigation of the Godavery.
Madura 17th May 1855.

[No. 89 To the Court of Wards.]

No. 90.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir, Fort St George.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 12th Ultimo, Circular No. 419, I have the honor to Enclose a Statement exhibiting a Comparison of the Cost of using Goa instead of Country paper for the Correspondence of the District.

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2. It will be seen that there would be a saving, but neither is Goa Paper procurable in Madura to the extent required, nor is the description sold here of a sufficiently strong texture for Tamil writing. The blue wove paper, which I suppose to be what is termed French foolscap, would answer for correspondence very well, but little is brought to Madura for sale. The Sheristadar recommends the use of the French foolscap for

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vizzes & Orders, but of the larger sized Country paper for Statements. The Specimens of the paper alluded to by Mr Thomas did not accompany the Proceedings. I enclose pieces of the Goa & French paper sold at Madura, the Goa being that with the yellow tint.

If the Board wish European paper substituted at once, it will be necessary to furnish a supply from Madras. Otherwise I can purchase all that is obtainable at Madura, and use it as far as it will go. No doubt, larger quantities will flow in, when the Sellers see that there is a demand. I have long since discontinued the use of Country paper in the English Department.

Madura Meylore }
24 May 1855. }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 91.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received a Copy of your Circular dated 3d Nov. No. 1671, I have the honor to state that it is not applicable to this Madura District, as there is no Salt available therein for Export to Calcutta.

Madura Meylore }
24th May 1855. }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 92

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 7th Instant I have the honor to express my opinion in the affirmative on the question whether it is expedient to fix at once the day for the agricultural Exhibition, & would recommend Tuesday the 8th April 1856 for Madura. The Crops will then have been cut & there will be a pause in agricultural operations of every kind.

Madura Meylore }
25th May 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 93.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that there is no Return of "Persons charged with offences" & tried either by me or my Subordinates under Regulation IX of 1822, for the Month of April 1855.

Madura
26th May 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 94

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir

1 I have the honor to submit to the consideration of the Board a case of considerable hardship.

2 A Village Officer gives his land for Cultivation to a Ryot, who fails to pay the Stipulated rent. It has been ruled that the Village Officer cannot recover by distraint under Regulation XXVIII of 1802 because the land is not Zemindary. It seems necessary there-fore that the Collector should recover as for a Government Balance, but he can do so only by sale of the land of which the Caniatchey or Cudewarom right belongs to the Village Officer himself in most Cases. If the Board cannot suggest a mode by which the Village Officer can obtain a satisfactory remedy, I would beg to recommend that they should endeavor to procure a provision for the case in the forthcoming Act relative to the recovery of arrears of Ryotwary Revenue.

Madura
28th May 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

[No. 94.]

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return herewith the report of Mr. Hodgson on the Dindigul District forwarded with the Board's Proceed-ings of the 19th February 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
28th May 1855

No. 95.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir, Fort St George

1 As directed by your letter of the 19th April I have had the honor to despatch by Banghy the Measures noted in the Margin. 3- Puddees from the Madura Bazaar 1-1/2 Mercal.

2 The Madura Measure has not been made up by the Shadrecolum Tahsildar in the Shape of the Madras pattern; and when struck its contents exceeds those of the latter by 3 or 4 Rupees weight. But when heaped the weight in grain is the same; and the Custom is to heap the Measure, so that in practice they correspond. The alteration in shape was made to render the Puddee more manageable with one hand.

3. I have enquired repeatedly but cannot ascertain that there is any measure in actual use in the Public Bazaars larger than the Puddee (Measure).

4 In some Villages in large sales Mercals 3/4 Mercals and 1/2 Mercals are used, the Mercal being generally equal to 6 heaped Measures; sometimes it is less, a matter not considered material as its contents in Puddees is first ascertained and the Acct. is kept in Culloms.

	Madras Struck Mea.	Madras & Madura heaped Mea.
The Madura Cullom is	82	72
Dindigul Do.	{60 1/2, 51 1/2}	{60, 45}
Ramnad Cullom is	103	90
Shevagungah Do.	62	54

5. The Garce now entered in the Price Lists is equal to 2800 heaped Madura Measures, which is equal to 3200 Madras Struck Measures. No allowance therefore is now necessary. When I wrote on the 11th November 1851 the adjustment had not been made.

The result of a trial with water and Horse Gram was as follows.

	Madras Struck Mea.	Madura Struck Mea.
1 Flat Measure Horse Gram	120	124
Do. Water	141	146
Do. Sumbah Paddy of the present year	x80 1/8	
Do. Molagee Paddy	87 1/2	90
Do. Sumbah Rice	x115	

xx taken in 1854. No Sumbah Paddy Rice is now procurable

Madura 28 May 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No 96.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir, Fort St George

As required in the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 21st instant, I have the honor to forward duplicate Copies of the Statements of Collections and charges for Fusly 1263.

Madura (Signed) R. D. Parker
29th May 1855 } Collector

[No 97 To the Board of Revd. DPWorks.]

No 98.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir, Fort St George

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28 May, No 1287, which has been answered in a great measure by mine of the same date.

2. Being encamped in a remote part of the District and not having at hand the former correspondence, I am unable to supply the remaining information required at the present moment, but I have sent orders to Madura to despatch by Banghy what is here called Madras Standard Measure or Puddee. There are measures called Mercals sometimes used in dealings with the Ryots, but the size of these differ in almost every Village & sometimes there is more than one in the same Village. I had a conversation yesterday evening with the People collected for Jummabundy at this Village, Peraacohum the Cusbah of the Tenkarey Talook, and it was admitted that the Mercall of some Villages differed from those of others, & that there was no certain Standard except the Madras Puddee, about 200 of which, it is supposed, are now diffused through the 42 Villages of the Talook. The People expressed their want of 1/2 - 3/4 or whole Mercals, being a multiple of the Madras Puddee, the introduction of which they considered a decided benefit.

3. I put it therefore to the Board whether any good can result

result from a lengthened examination of all the old Measures to be found in the District, which from all I can learn are of infinite variety unconnected with each other, & so far falling into disuse _ that the Madras Puddee is always referred to as:certain their contents _ The object I presume is to see whether they are the aliquot parts or multiples of some such scale as that proposed many years ago by Col. Jervis of the Bombay Engineers, but differing as they do not only in each Talook _ but almost in each Village, & superseded, for the most part, by a known Standard. I cannot specify any time in which the test can be accomplished, & hope the Board will direct me to confine my attention to the more general introduction of the Madras Standard Measure & Mercals agreeing with it _ Heaping should, I think, be entirely forbidden, & the Madura Puddee struck made to agree exactly with the Madras measure, according to the instructions which I gave, though they were not attended to, to the Tahsildar of Madacolum, through whom they were made _

Madura Periacolum }
5th June 1855 _ }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 99.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir

1 I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of the Board, that certain Topes in the Maylore Talook, which, though situated in the limits of several Villages, are called the Cottam putty Topes, were used to be rented on triennial leases, the last one ending in Fusly 1264 _ Observing that in consequence of the limited period of the rent, the preservation & improvement of the Topes were neglected, it seemed to me at the present juncture decidedly preferable to give a lease of such a length as might encourage the Renter to plant in the hope of reaping a profit within the term of the lease _ and

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I therefore put up the lease at Auction, for a term of 15 years, commencing from Fusly 1265, stipulating that the engagement should not be considered binding till confirmed by the Board.

2 The highest Bid of 810 Rs. per Annum was made by one Caruppana Pillay who binds himself to plant 1000 Cocoanut trees within the first 10 years of his Lease.

3 The Amount obtained for the last 3 years was 1.245 per Annum; but the Renters are supposed to have lost by their Speculation, and the average of three Leases is Rs. 758 only.

4 I beg therefore to recommend that the Lease may be confirmed to Caruppana pillay on the terms proposed.

Madura Periacolum
6th June 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

[No. 99.]

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Statement of offers for the Abkary Rent for the ensuing Fusly 1265 exhibiting a Nett Increase of 6115 Rupees above last year & to request Sanction for making over the rents to the highest Bidders.

2. The recent change of date for the conclusion of the Fusly is attended with Embarrassment as regards these Rents. It cannot be carried into effect in respect to those of Fusly 1264 without breach of engagements, nor relative to those now submitted because it was not announced at the Auction, & there will be no time for a fresh one.

Madura Veerapandy
8 June 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 100

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Official Memo:

The Collector has the honor to acknowledge the

the receipt of the undermentioned Books received with the Board's Official Memo dated 30th May 1855.

Madura Veerapundy }
8th June 1855. }
(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collr.

2 Copies of the Selections from the records of the Madras Govt.
No. I Report on Vaccination.

4 Copies of Do. Do. No. V Report of the Annamullay forests

No. 101

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Official Memo. Fort St. George

The Collector has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Board's Memo of the 5th Instant. D

Madura Anndipatty }
16th June 1855. }
(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collector

Copies 3 Selections from the Records of the Madras Govt.
No. V Collective Memorandum on Public Works.

No. 102.

To The Sub. Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to apprize you that I have forwarded to the Collector of Trichinopoly the Extract from the Register of Petition No. 003 of 1855 of Thirumunkal of the Conad Talook in that District, sent to me by mistake in place of to him. D.

Madura }
19 June 1855 }
(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collr.

No. 103.

To The Sub. Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to inform you that there are no Returns for the following Statements during last Month. D

Salt Confiscated
Goods Do.
Return of Imports & Exports of Bullion at the Sea Ports.

Madura }
19 June 1855. }
(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collr.

No. 104. 86/ 131

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that there is no Return of "Persons charged with offences" & tried either by me or my Subordinates under Regulation IX of 1822, for the Month of May 1855.

Madura
22d June 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

[No. 105. To the Board of Revd. D. P. Works.]

No. 106.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1 I have the honor to forward the statements called for by your Circular No. 115 dated 15th Jany. 1855.

2 The Causes of delay in its submission have been the difficulty in obtaining information of Sundry Enams in Villages wholly alienated & the late receipt of accounts from the Sub Division.

3 The Statements do not embrace Enams situated in unresumed Zemindaries. Previous to my arrival in the district it seems to have been supposed that Government had no concern with these, and the Records contain no accounts shewing the Sundry Enams in the hands of Incumbents as regards any Zemindary. In respect to the larger Estates of Ramnad & Sheragunga, we have no accounts of the Enams at the Fysul. Two or three years ago, I sent Circulars to all Zemindars to furnish accounts, & from many, including Ramnad, they have not yet been received. It seems to me quite clear that to lapsed Enams in Zemindaries, excluded from the Assets on which the permanent Settlement was fixed, the right of Government is exactly the same as to Enams in Govt. Villages, but to enforce this right is nearly, if not quite, impossible, particularly as regards such large Zemindaries as Ramnad and Sheragunga; for how are they to be managed, when

where there are no Government Servants &c. or if any only a few employed in Police, and unequal in strength even to that duty.

4 In Statement No. 1 - 14 Entire Villages are entered, the Sundry Inams included in the Ayacut thereof being deducted and carried to their respective heads in Statements No. 1 & 2. In the same manner are entered 207 entire Villages, enjoyed by Davastanoms and Davastanum Subbundies, which come under the head of "Endowments on Pagodas" in Statement No. 2.

* Bhuttavurthy	4
Khyratee	5
Shrotreum	5
	14

* Madaobum	91
Teroomungalum	8
Manyum	88
Ramgheny	20
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5 Of the Ayacut lands shewn in Statement No. 2, those cultivated in 1261 have their net assessment exhibited after deduction of the remissions "Soolors Maunf" & "Moonasib Cummee" from their Tarum assessment, and those waste have their Tarum assessment only shewn, because as regards the latter the Ayacut Statement of that Fusly does not particularize the remissions "Soolors Maunf" & "Moonasib Cummee" & net assessment but only exhibits the aggregate or Tarum assessment. The entry of the Ayacut of Fusly 1261 has been necessitated by the Ayacut Statement of Fuslies 1262 & 1263 being still under preparation from difficulties arising from the introduction of new Forms.

Madura
23d June 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 107.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit an original Medical Certificate* obtained by Vencatasware Iyer, & a list of his Services, & request to be informed whether the Board are of opinion that an application for pension should be made to Government whom he served for upwards of 35 years, or to the Court of Wards, on account of the Zemindar of Shevagunga, in which Estate he held office for nearly 3 years past.

* to be returned

Madura
25 June 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

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This is to Certify that Vencatachara Iyen Ameen is, in my opinion, unfit for service from defective vision the result of old age, & that such incapacity has not been occasioned by intemperance or other irregular habits.

Madura
12 June 1855 } (Signed) J. Colebrook
Zillah Surgeon

No 108.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether any answer was received by the Board from the Collector in answer to their letter dated 20th Novr 1817, relative to the Endowments of the Devastanum under Regulation 7 of 1817. None is found on my Records.

Madura
25 June 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No 109.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21 Instant I have the honor to state that I fully appreciate the advantages of a printing Press and consider that in no District is one more needed than in Madura, on account of its great size, & population, & the uncentrical situation of the Capital, which render the diffusion of information by the means hitherto available a task of much difficulty: but I have refrained from applying for one, hitherto, because no one on my Establishment knows how to work it, and I have at present no room in the Cutcherry to place it in. The latter difficulty, however, will be removed when an upper room under repair is completed, and if, as I hope, an uncovenanted Assistant is allowed to this District, he could make himself sufficiently acquainted

acquainted with a Press before leaving Madras, to superintend its operations here.

Madura 25th June 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

[No. 110. To the Board of Revl. D. P. Works.]

No. 111.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Board that the Estimate of Charges to be incurred on account of additional Establishment in Fusly 1264, forwarded to the Board on the 25th September 1854, has not yet been sanctioned.

Madura 27th June 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

[No. 112 To the Secretary to the Court of Wards.]

No. 113.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

On receipt of your letter of the 12th April No. 862, requiring a detailed report on the State of Ramnad, I called upon the Zemindar for explanations on some points which were tardily afforded, and then in an unsatisfactory manner. Though the accounts furnished however are little trustworthy & are designed to exhibit as favorable a picture as possible they show sufficient to convict the Zemindar, or rather her brother, of gross mismanagement.

2 From the statement of many Ryots I was led to suppose that no Puttahs were regularly granted according to Law. The reply given is that from the prevalence of the System of a division of Crops, the Jummabundy is made very late (when is not stated) and the Puttahs afterwards sent to the Ameenahs for distribution. A Delayet deputed by me to receive the accounts was informed by the Ramnad Cutchery Gomastahs that the Jummabundy accounts for Fusly 1261 were

were not yet completed, & what have been furnished to me are inventions, & this statement accords with the general assertion of complainants that they have received no Puttahs. I have explained over & over again to the Ryots that they have the remedy in their own hands, by merely declining to pay without a Puttah, suffering a distraint & then appealing; but their ignorance leads them instead to make vague & general complaints legally intangible, & containing as much falsehood as truth, & they thus fail to obtain the legal redress of their grievances.

3 On the other hand many Ryots seem to resist not unjust demands only but all demands whatever. The Balances due to the Zemindar from 1255 to 1263 both inclusive, amount to 487616-3-2 irrespectively of a further sum of Rs. 34779, accruing on items long disputed. Like the Ryots, the Zemindar makes her complaints in a manner which precludes a regular enquiry; she avoids distraint & asks for proclamations against tumultuous assemblies & outrage. I note the yearly Balance in the margin. The Board will observe that these arrears are independent of assessments to be adjusted & will agree with me in thinking this great amount strong evidence that the present administration of the Estate is conducive neither to the interests of the incapacitated proprietress nor her Ryots.

Fs.	Rs. as. p.
1255	22570-9-7
1256	49318-1-11
1257	45801-14-1
1258	34564-7-7
1259	47274-6-3
1260	45135-2-7
1261	58133-9-8
1262	91772-[illegible]-8
1263	100665-13-[illegible]
	487616-3-2

4 Another item of neglect & one which I have already often brought to notice, is a failure to repair the sources of irrigation. This is not only a matter of notoriety & a subject of constant complaint, but myself & assistants when on Circuit were made aware of it from actual inspection. It is also clearly demonstrated by the Accounts now furnished by the Zemindar. These shew a total Maramut Expenditure (including sums spent on roads) for 10 years

from

from July 1255 to March 1264 of 33,801 which little, if at all, exceeds the outlay in Shevagungah of a single year. The average of 12 years from 1225 to 1236, when the Zemindary was under Government management, was 21,280. The inference is unavoidable that the Estate must be deteriorating. It is a constant Complaint of the Ryots that Nunjah Teerwah is demanded for land which they cannot Cultivate with wet Crops for want of water, & there can be no doubt that their assertion is in many instances quite true.

5. Another evil of great magnitude is the irregular payment of the Salaries of the Revenue & other Servants. The Zemindar's Manager confesses that out of an Amount due from Jany to April 1855. 700 Rs. only had been paid, & that by assignments of grain, leaving 29,028 Rs still due. Whether any thing is owing for periods antecedent to January he does not inform me. I suspect a good deal, for his Servants constantly apply to me for appointments of considerably less emolument under Govt. It is currently reported that my request for information was the signal for a large Amount of assignment in reduction of the previous arrear.

6. It cannot be expected that Revd. Officers, irregularly paid, will abstain from defrauding either their Employers or the Ryots; & if the report, universally believed, that the appointments are sold, be true, & the frequency of change in Amildars goes far to prove it so, the Servants must live by plunder. vide list Enclosed

7. The Zemindar's brother & Manager is further charged with injuring the Estate by granting Villages on low & permanent Cowle, but of this I have no proof. The grant of such Cowles or Rent, is admitted, but if the Zemindar's Accounts be correct, they are advantageous compared with previous receipts.

8. The above constitute the chief points of mis-management & are, in my opinion, of sufficient magnitude to render it desirable that the administration of this large & populous tract, should pass from the hands in which it is placed at present to that of the officers of Govt. if sufficient assistance can be granted for the purpose. The labour which will be entailed on the European Officers, by taking charge of so great a Zemindary, with large outstanding balances, & in general disorder, will be very considerable, & quite beyond the power of the present strength of the Covenanted Establishment to undertake. It will be remembered that Shivagungah is already in our hands.

9. Should it be determined to assume the management, it must be taken in the first instance by Government not by the Court of Wards, as there is an arrear of Peshcush to the amount of 91,030 Rs. on account of Kists up to the end of last month. This may be still further increased by the June Kist due on the 30th, amounting to 26.904, Rs. The Zemindar may however find means to pay the whole; & it is desirable therefore that the order of the Board should provide for both contingencies. viz. a state of arrear & a state of mis-management without arrear.

Madura
27th June 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

[No. 114. To the Board of Revs. D. P. Works.]

No. 115.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir Fort St. George

In reply to your letters of the 4 & 16 Instant I have the honor to state that the Decrease in the Collection of arrears in March & April last, is solely owing to the decrease in the

Demand

Demand, consequent on the more punctual realization in Fusly 1263.
You will observe that in the commencement of Fusly 1263 the
Demand on account of arrears was 235,413. 4. 6
while in Fusly 1264 it was only 91,099 - .
The Collections to the end of Fusly were 86,620 - . .
leaving due at the commencement
of March only } 4479 - . .

2. I explained the circumstance more fully in my letter of the 16 Ultimo, & imagining that the amount of demand apparent in the account itself would sufficiently explain the consequent decrease in Collections, entered no explanatory note. This however shall be constantly inserted in future.

Madura . . .
30th June 1855 }
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 116.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In reply to your Circular of the 18 Instant No. 1540, I have the honor to state that the tax alluded to is not collected in Madura nor is there Mohturpha of any kind.

Madura
30 June 1855. }
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 117.

To The Secretary to the Board of Rev.
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 27 Instant No. 113, I have the honor to state, that since it was written, the Ramnad Zemindar has given a Hondee at 30 days sight, & amounting to 70,000 Rupees, & also paid to the Zemindary this day in Cash 15,000 Rs. leaving a Balance outstanding against the Estate of 32,984 Rupees ~ which his Vakeel promises to pay within the present month.

Madura
2d July 1855 }
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 119. 139

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. I regret to inform the Board that the State of the District is at present very unfavorable and that there is little appearance of Rain.

2. In this District there are usually showers in April & May & in June more abundant rains from the South West monsoon.

3 In the last Fusly 1264 these early rains remarkably failed - and it was not till the middle of October that any considerable supply was received. The Rains then were unusually heavy and the falls continued to be large throughout the N. E. Monsoon -

4 In consequence, the Extent of Cultivation to the middle of October was below the Average, the Ryots then exerted themselves to the utmost and though the harvest of the Kalum or Crop sown in Autumn was late, yet encouraged by a considerable quantity of water remaining in the Tanks they sowed Spring Crops extensively in the hope that rains in April May & June would bring them to maturity -

5 In this they have been disappointed

disappointed, and the greater part of these Crops have withered. They are now under examination with a view to remission as "Shavee" which, though denied under the old Rules to Crops on Tanks on which one crop might have come to maturity, I consider virtually allowed on the new principle which renders the exaction of a Moonjah Teerwa dependent on the fulfil-ment by Government of two conditions Vizt sup-ply of land & supply of water. The remission is demanded also by obvious Policy. If, after the principal harvest which occurs about Jany, there is water in a Tank, it is plainly the interest of the Government as well as the Ryot that it should be used & not left to dry up from evaporation. At the commence-ment of the dry season, however, cultivation is attended with the risk of seed & labour being expended in vain. Is it desirable that the Ryot should be saddled with the further risk of having to pay half-Teerwa without ob-taining a Crop! Obviously not. I feel confident therefore that the Board will approve of the grant of remission to this withered "Coday" Crop both as implied in the New Rules, & as dictated by justice & expediency.

But

6 But the Crop being sown very late and the supply of water at the beginning of the year being considerable, the destruction of these Crops only became matter of representation at the end of the Punnabundy, & the Talook Servants are now occupied in inspection. The Demand of the year therefore remains unsettled, and I am unable to forward the Statement of D. C. B. which should be now despatched.

7 The failure of rain during the last 3 months has also prevented the ploughing of the land to the usual extent for the early Punjah Crops and seed Paddy. And Prices range very high as will be seen from the accompanying Statement.

8 The Board are aware that last year there was a heavy drain on the Stores of this District for the supply of others & Ceylon.

Madura }
6th July 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 118. 162

To The Secretary to the Board of Revᵘᵉ

Sir, Fort St George.

I have the honor to report the death, on the 3ʳᵈ Instant, of the Zemindar of Keelacotah in the Tinnevelly Talook, paying a Peshcush of 480-2-9 & held on a permanent Sunnud. I will report on the succession hereafter.

Madras 5ᵗʰ July 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker Collr.

No. 120

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir, Fort St George.

From Acct Genl 30 April 1855 To Do. 10 May From Do. [illegible]

1 Some directions from the Accountant General in a department usually considered to belong to the Board of Revenue alone, are attended with so much difficulty that I venture to request their advice how to conform to them — and beg to submit a Copy of the correspondence.

2 In the first place the Accountant General requires a Return, according to a Form furnished by him of the Population of the District in the Official year 1853 & 54 — This had expired prior to the date of his letter. To make a Census, specially for the purpose therefore, is impossible — and the nearest approximation would be the Census made in 1260, which has been published, and which the Board can furnish him with at once for all the Districts of the Presidency; at the same time informing him that no Registers of Births, Marriages and deaths are kept by the Village Curnums, & that it is therefore absolutely impossible to furnish any account of these, of the least value, for any past year — If desired, an attempt could be made to obtain such an Account for the present Official year 1855/56 —

3. To call for returns of Population from the Curnums now, & again in the Course of a few Months for the Census directed by

by Government, would entail great labour on the Curnums & the Establishment generally already much overtasked, & the former cannot, I think, be of much use, considering the near approach of the regular Census.

4. Another Return required is that of Lands granted & sold. Scrotu to the Accountant General to explain that by lands granted Revl. Officers usually understand lands made over to Europeans or Foreigners &, registered in the Office of the Collector of Madras. From his Answer, also forwarded & indeed, from the Headings of the Columns in the Form of Return, especially the last, it would seem that he intends all lands distributed for Cultivation. Of these, however, the Board have Statements for all Districts, and much labour will be saved by the preparation in their Office instead of the Cutcheries of the Collectors. I cannot fill up the Column "Number of Acres (Vizt. in each grant or Puttah) without the aid of the Village Curnums, and occupying the time they require for other duties. If I understand it aright the Heading "Whether by grant or purchase" requires the Collector to distinguish as regards land held by Ryots in any year, whether it was acquired direct from Govt. or by purchase from another Ryot; but, inasmuch as many fields have been possessed by Ryots for many years, how is this information to be obtained without a degree of investigation exceeding perhaps that performed by all the Authorities of the District, European & Native, in any one year.

5. Our Dittum Accounts in the Taluk shew the lands which each man engages for at that time. To these additions are made by many subsequently if their means or the supply of rain exceeds their original Calculation. & the aggregate of the two Items being entered in the Puttah on the Jummabundy being taken up the lands left uncultivated for valid reasons are then deducted. Perhaps a Statement of holdings as shewn in the Puttahs with the distinctions indicated by the Form would best meet the wishes of the Accountant Genl.; but the Board will at once perceive that to make such distinctions is nearly, if not quite, impracticable, & that even

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without them the preparation of the Account will cost great time & labour, while, after all it will not be so valuable as the Board's Rent Roll. I say not so valuable, for unless the description of the land is also shewn, Viz^t whether Nunjah, Poonjah or Garden, the mere number of Acres will not lead to a right apprehension of the value of the Farm.

6 Other Returns have been called for by the Accountant General which I will furnish as well as I can, as it is not at all my wish to object to perform any duty he may impose if it is in my power to perform it.

Madura } (Signed) R. D. Parker
6 July 1855 } Collector

No. 121.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Official Memo:

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Board's Memo. of the 29 June 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

2 Copies of Selections from the records of the Madras Govt. 1855
No. IV Major Maitland's School.
2 Copies of Do. Do No. VII Report on the Civil Dispensaries
Madura 9 July 1855.

No. 122.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revl.
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Statement explanatory of the discrepancies remarked in the Board's Proceedings dated the 18 June last No. 1520.

Madura } (Signed) R. D. Parker
11 July 1855 } Collr.

No. 123

To The Secretary to the Board of Revl.
Fort St. George

Sir,

In returning Petition No. 1793 of 1855, referred to me for Report

report, I have the honor to point out that the decision of the Sub Collector in the Case to which the petition relates, having been passed under Section VIII Regⁿ V of 1822, is judicial, and not having been appealed to the Zillah or Civil Court within one Month as prescribed by Section XVI Regⁿ V of 1822, is now final.

2. I beg however to forward the English decision of the Sub Collector which enters so fully into the case that nothing which I could add would render it clearer. I enclose also copies of Mr. Lenings's original decision & my own first & second decisions in appeal.

3. In my own opinion, and I may venture to say in the Sub Collector Mr. Clarke's also, the equitable settlement would have been to have given the Renter a tax on the land on which the Cultivated fruit trees are situated from the date on which the first demand was made. But we felt constrained by the terms of Section IX Regⁿ XXX of 1802. I feel quite certain that the tax on Amrozen entered in the Fysal Accounts was intended for wild jungle trees only & that when the Ryots took to Cultivating Crops & Orchards on the table lands of these Hills in the regular manner, they became liable to a fair tax for them, on the same principle that the Government levies a tax for lands on the Neilghery & Pulney Hills. Many years ago all parties, whether Zemindars or the Govt., were contented to get any revenue that offered from Hills which at that time few inhabitants of the low Country would venture to ascend.

4. I shall be obliged by information, whether when the Board may call for report on a subject which has been decided judicially & is appealable to the Courts, they will be satisfied by a simple statement of the fact without further particulars. They on all occasions display so great a solicitude that the labours of Collectors & their Establishments which they know to be excessive should not be unnecessarily enhanced, that I am disposed to think that they will be desirous to avoid requiring them to restate such Cases, and it is to be remarked that any order of the Board on the subject would be exceedingly embarrassing

embarrassing, as it might clash with the orders of the Civil Courts to which, in such matters, the Collectors are made subordinate as a special judicial tribunal.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
11 July 1855.

No. 124.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Official Memo.

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Board's memo. of the 3rd July 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

1 Copy of the Gazette of Southern India
1 Do. of the Atlas of Do.

Madura
12th July 1855.

No. 125

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Sim's letter of the 9th instt. I have the honor to state that no Tax is raised for any Quarry of Shells suited for the Manufacture of Chunam in the Madura District. Our Chunam is made from Lime stone, & the pits are free from assessment.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
17 July 1855.

No. 126.

To The 1st Secretary to the Board of Rev.
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. I have had the honor to receive the Proceedings of the Board under date the 31st May last No. 1331, calling upon me to report upon the nature of a Balance of Rs. 6430 entered in a Statement furnished to them by the Acting Accountant General, as outstanding in his accounts as an arrear of Land Revenue in Madura, at the close of Fasly 1263.

2. Of the above, have since been Collected Rs. 1564 - A. - P. 10 leaving

leaving a Balance of 4074-11-1 of which
3958-15-11 are Zemindary.
915-11-2 Ryotwary.

3 The former stands against 2 Zemindaries, Guntana-nuiknoor for 1237. Rs. A. P. 2662-12-3 which, under the Board's orders in Proceedings of the 2d Septr 1850, is to be recovered by instalments of 1500 Rs. per Annum, & will be so collected without difficulty - and Kullimunthar Mootah Rs. A. P. 1296.3.8 which is nominal only & is not included in the Statements submitted to the Board - It ought to have been submitted for remission, some time ago - The Estate was put up to Auction on the 10 May 1852 for a balance of 19,459-7-7 & purchased by Govt. for Rs. 10,000, the remainder being debited to the Head of Remissions with the approval of the Accountant Genl. under the orders of Govt. of the 11th June 1852 - Before these were received, however, the Peshcush of Fusly 1261 amounting to Rs. 9855-12-7 & the actual Collections Rs. 8559-0-11 had been entered in the Monthly Journals under the Head of "Permanently Settled" - The remainder Rs. 1296-3-8 is irrecoverable under the orders of Govt. quoted above, & the Sanction is now requested for its remission -

4. Of the Ryotwary Balance Rs. 116-9-6 were recommended for remission in my Report, dated the 31st Decr. 1854 on the Jummabundy of Fusly 1263, which has, I should conjecture, been already submitted to Government - the details of the remainder are as follows.

	Fusly 1259	1260	1261	1262	Total
	Rs. as P	Rs. as P	Rs. as P.	Rs. as P.	Rs. as P.
Vridachelum	" - " - "	13-4-10	1-1-5	 2-2	
Terrumungalum	- - -	- - -	87-6-6	266 - 6	
Mungalore	209-4-8	- - -	89-4-4	133-2-9	
Ramghery	" - " - "	" - " - "	2-8 -	- - -	
Syenpillay	" - " - "	" - " - "	" - " - "	55-7-6	
	209-4-8	13-4-10	120-11-3	455-12-11	799-1-8

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5 The Balance in F. 1259 is nominal & is not included in the Demand Collection & Balance statement sent to the Board. It was Poorspor or Quit Rent for Nov. & Decr. 1849 collected from certain Villages & made over to the Toorvenkov Davustanum on the 24 Decr. 1849 under the orders of the Board dated 25 May & 22d May 1849. The Quit Rent for previous periods had been credited to Ayen, the charges of the Pagoda being debited to "Pagoda & Mosque allowances", & when I deducted the former in the annual Abstract of Collections & disbursements submitted to the Accountant General for Fusly 1259, he ordered it to be re-included in order that the aggregate might correspond with the Quarterly Abstracts (see his remarks dated 30 April 1851). It should be remitted.

Copy enclosed.

6. The Balance in Kadacolum in Fuslies 1260 & 61, with the exception of 2-2 [Rs. a.] in the latter Fusly, is due by 2 persons for the sale of whose land, advertisements were submitted to the Board on the 22d June 1854. The Board objected to the sale because the value of the land entered far exceeded the amount of Balance. The statement however shewed that it was subject to so large a Mortgage that the sale was not likely to realize more than this & the Govt. Balance, and as the land is in the hands of the Mortgagees, while the Puttah is held by the defaulters, I deem it very desirable that a sale of the whole should take place in order that the Govt. may hereafter have to deal with a substantial person. Great difficulty in collection arises from the Puttahdar & real incumbent being different persons.

7. The Tirommungalum Balance for Fusly 1261 & 38-4 [Rs. a.] out of that for Fusly 1262 outstands against land in the Coonatoor Village, which, from 1235 to 1260 inclusive, used to be entered as in dispute with the Saptoor Zemindary in Tinnevelly. In 1261 I ordered the discontinuance of this entry as invalid, but the Zemindar, as he had done for some time past, nevertheless Collected from the Cultivating Ryots in Fuslies 1261 & 1262, & as the Collr. of Tinnevelly maintains his right to do so, I do not think that the Ryots should be made to pay twice over, & would recommend the Remission of the Balance.

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The teerwah for F. 1263 was collected by the Govt. The boundary dispute will be made the subject of a separate report.

8 The Mysore Balance for F. 1261 is against one Quit Rent Village which is under Zuft. It is recoverable.

9 The Bamghery Balance for the same Fusly remains on account of a Boundary dispute with Coimbatore which is under the enquiry of the Sub Collr. I would recommend its remission.

10 The Madacolum Balance for F. 1262 of 2 as. 2 p. added to 2 as. 2 p. in F. 1261, referred to in Para 6, is recoverable, & is due by the Absent Proprietor of a house in Madura Town.

11 Deducting Rs. 38. 4 as. recommended for remission in para 7, the Balance 227. 12. 6 in Terroomungalum for Fusly 1262 is recoverable. The greater part is due on land under the attachment of the Courts.

12. Of Rs. 133. 2. 9 due in Mysore for the same Fusly, I would recommend the remission of 12. 8. 3 due by persons who have left the Country. The remainder I would for the present class as recoverable. Enquiry is necessary to ascertain whether Rs. 15 has, according to the Statement of the Puttahdar, been paid to the Natamgar, & Rs. 2. 3. 6 the tax on land in dispute with a Shrotrium Village, is properly due to Govt.; the dispute having been recently disposed of. The land owing 23. 12. .. is under attachment, & the remainder is due by Ryots whose land is in the hands of Mortgagees, & which, for the reasons stated in Para 58 of Summabundy Report for F. 1263, & Para 6 of this letter, I shall propose to the Board to sell. The advertisement is under preparation.

13 The Tyrupully balance of F. 1262 will be recovered

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from sale proceeds of lands under Courts attachment.

14. If the recommendations given above are approved the arrears to be remitted are as follows.

	1259 Rs as p	1260 Rs as p	1261 Rs as p	1262 Rs as p	Total Rs as p
Zemindary	" " "	" " "	1296-3-8	" " "	1296-3-8
Ryotwary	209-4-8	" " "	29-14-6	50-12-3	289-15-5
					1586-3-1
Add Amount recommended for remission in the Jummabundy report of F 1263					116-9-6
					1702-12-7

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
17th July 1855.

No. 127.

To The Actg. Secretary to the Court of Wards
Fort St. George

Sir,

1 I have the honor to forward a Report, dated the 30th Ultimo from Mr. Clarke late Sub Collector of Madura, relative to the alienations of lands made by the late Zemindar of Ayagoody to his Brothers & others.

2 I concur in the opinion that the alienations enjoyed by the Brothers illegal and excessive, & would recommend for adoption the first arrangement proposed in Para 25, Vizt. that these persons should be called upon to pay the Tax on those not included in the written grants, & the Coule granted to Chalacondamah Naicker the younger uncle & guardian of the minor - even these, except so much of the Coule land, as was immemorial waste at the time the Coule was granted, are liable to resumption, & if it be now continued it will be necessary, I think, to inform the Brothers that it will be discretionary with the young Zemindar when he comes of age to continue or resume them & that they are not transferable.

3. I beg also to support Mr. Clarke's suggestion that the grant to Veloyda Naik may be continued to his son & widow with the reservation stated. I concur also in the recommendations contained in Paras 28 & 29.

Madura 17th July 1855.

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collr.

No. 128.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Indent for the following forms required for issue of

Paras 10 & 19

Para 25.

Ry.

Para 27.

of the Collector's Office at Madura for the year 1856.

Salt Rowannahs (no value)	15,000
Statement of Demand Collection & Balance	24.
Average Bazar prices of Grain &c usually furnished to the Board	24.
Certificates of Examination of Treasury Two Copies, Orig^l & Duplicate	24.
* Price Current usually furnished to the Office Comg. Madura & Dindigul	48.

* It is requested that a supply of this may be sent as soon as possible as the stock on hand is almost expended.

Madura
20 July 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No 129.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1 In reply to your letter of the 10 Inst. I have the honor to state that Military Guards are employed in two Talook Treasuries in the Madura District - those of the Talook of Mudacolum of which Madura is the Custah, and of the Salt Amildar at Ramnad.

2 The Talook Cutchery at Madura forms part of the same Native Building as that which holds the Cutcherry of the Collector, & its Treasury is overlooked by a Sentry supplied by the Huzoor Treasury Guard.

3. Ramnad is the Post of a detachment a circumstance dictated, I should suppose, more by its Geographical position, than its character as the seat of the Salt & Sea Custom Treasury - If the Company of Sepoys afforded no guard, on this account, it would furnish none whatever - except an Escort to the Monthly Remittance -

4 No advantage therefore would appear likely to accrue from the withdrawal of a Military Guard over the above 2 Treasuries unless the discontinuance of the Detachments is also contemplated -

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5. If the step should however be determined on, I would supply a guard from a body of 30 Resalah Peons which is attached to the District. While the Maramut duties continue to be discharged by the Revd. Department this would be attended with considerable difficulty but when the departments are entirely severed, the services of a number of Peons now employed as additional Maramut will be set free for the General duties of the District.

6 I subjoin an Abstract showing the maximum amount usually lodged in the Madacolum & Ramnad Treasuries, & the portion required for current expenditure.

7 It is desirable that any instruction to me about Treasury Guards should specify whether the Military escort from Ramnad should be continued.

Madura 20 July 1855. (Signed) R.D. Parker Collr.

Abstract.

Madacolum Talook Treasury Maximum Amount Rupees	51,744
Amount required for present expenditure	4,500
Salt Cutchery Treasury at Ramnad Maximum Amount usually lodged Rs.	50,000
Amount required for present expenditure	15,000

[No. 130 To the Board of Revd. D.P. Works.]

[No. 131 To the Court of Wards.]

No. 132.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue Fort St. George

Official Memo.

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Book forwarded with the Board's Memorandum dated 17 July 1855.

(Signed) R.D. Parker Collr.

1 Copy of the Report on the administration of the Salt Department of the Revl. of Bengal for 1853/54.

Madura
24 July 1855}

[No. 133. To the Board of Revd. D.P. Works.]

No. 134.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revd.
Fort St. George

Official Memo:

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned printed Tamil Translations adverted to in the Board's letter of the 30 April 1855 - D

5790 Tamil Translations of Proclamations relative to recovery of arrears of Revenue.

25 Do. Advertisements of Do. Do.

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
26 July 1855

No. 135.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revd.
Fort St. George

Official Memo:

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Board's Memo. of the 11 Instant - D

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collr.

1 Copy of India No. VII Punjab Road Report for 1853/54.

4 Copies of the Report of the Commissioners for the investigation of alleged Cases of Torture, together with the Extract Minutes of Consultation thereon & the Circular annexed -

Madura
26 July 1855.

No. 136.

To The Actg. Secretary to the Board of Revd.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that there is no petition of Public Servants suspended or dismissed from Employment for the Quarter ending 30 June 1855. D

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
26 July 1855

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No. 137.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revd.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that there are no Returns for the following Statements during the month of June 1855-

Salt Confiscated
Goods Do.
Return of Imports or Exports of Bullion at the Sea Ports.
Return of Revd. Defaulters confined in, and released from, Jail for the Quarter ending 30 June 1855-

Madura
26 July 1855

(Signed) R D Parker
Collr.

[No. 138. To the Board of Revd. D.P. Works.]

No. 139-

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 30 March 1854 I have the honor to request that you will inform me whether the Proceedings of the Board of the 21 July are applicable to Madura; where owing to the shallowness of the Sea, no Vessels are likely to call for Salt. The only place at which even the "Hugh Lind" say can approach within 3 Miles of the shore is Autankerry, on the Spit of land running out to Rameswaram, where the supply of Salt is very small. The supply I have at present is equal to nearly a year's consumption for Home & Inland, and in the course of 3 Months another year's supply or about 3000 Garce will have been placed in Store-

Madura
28 July 1855

(Signed) R D Parker
Collr.

No. 140

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In continuance of my letter of the 5th Ultimo, I have the honor to report that the Kilacotah Zemindar left a widow, a

a daughter and an undivided Brother aged 37 years. The widow requests that the latter may be recognized as Zemindar, & such also is the requirement of the Hindoo Law. I beg therefore to solicit sanction for recognizing this person, whose name is Ramasawmy Gounden, as Zemindar of Keelacottah.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
1st Augt. 1855.

No. 141.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Official Memorandum.

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Board's Memorandum of the 27 July 1855. D

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

4 Copies of the Selections from the Records of the Madras Govt. 1855 No. V

4 Copies of Do Do . . . . No. VIII

4 Copies of the Proceedings & Correspondence connected with the late Public Works Commission.

Madura 2d. Augt. 1855.

No. 142.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George

Sir,

1 In the proclamation received with the Board's Circular No. 1049, & which is addressed to Zemindary as well as Govt. Ryots, it is notified, inter alia that their land & personal property will be sold for arrears, and a day or two ago, the question was plainly put to me by the Renter of a Zemindary whether he could sell lands of Defaulters. I have been led therefore to consider this point, & find it involved in some difficulty. = 30 April 1855

2 Section III Regulation XXVIII of 1802 forbids such sale, but clause *6 Section XXXIV of the same Regulation permits it as regards under-Farmers or under-Tenants, when the amount realized from the personal property proves insufficient, but it is evident from what follows, that by these Farmers or under-Tenants are not meant our Common Ryots the Cultivators of the Soil, but rather, I should think, Middlemen or Contractors who may be common in Bengal whence the Regulation was taken. *7th.

Compd.
J. L. G.

3. It is quite evident that improved land in a Zemindary is valuable, and in Sheevagungah and Ramnad it is freely transferred from Ryot to Ryot by sale without any opposition on the part of the Zemindars - In Trinevelly, however, I understand that the right is not generally recognized - This appears to me a great hardship & a most effectual bar to improvement; and in the case of an arrear which the sale of a Ryot's personal property is insufficient to satisfy, the Zemindar may lose his Balance, and the Ryot his whole land & liberty, while in reality the sale of a portion of the land would amply satisfy all the demands against it - The gainer would be some third party who might receive highly improved land for nothing -

4. The matter would seem deserving of the Consideration of the Commissioner Mr Stokes, to whom the Board will perhaps refer this letter - I should imagine that any restriction on the sale of land in Zemindaries must have arisen from the idea in Lord Cornwallis' time that the Zemindar was the actual Proprietor of the land, but Regulation IV of 1822 has expressly declared the rights of Tenants to be unaffected by the Regulations of 1802, & I can see no reason therefore for now exempting their lands from Sale for arrears of Kist - Should the Board hold that under the present Regulations a Zemindar can sell a Ryot's land, I request that they will instruct me accordingly - It seems to me certain that at all events he cannot sell it till he has first sold the personal Property & arrested the Defaulter, & managed his property for a year -

5. As connected with this subject I beg to request the Board's attention to Section VII Regulation XXV of 1802 & to the Sunnud Istimrar, which provide that the personal property of land holders shall in the first instance, be attached - This is opposed to the construction which seems at present placed on Regulation XXVII of 1802, but is not, I think, irreconcileable with that Enactment, as the personal property appears plainly from Section VIII of Regulation XXVIII to be liable should the Sale of the land prove insufficient - Its attachment in the first instance may therefore have been provided as a needful precaution - This point is of present importance, since the Rules as regards Zemindars have

have been declared applicable to Ryots holding from Government. The late orders of the Board make no provision for the previous attachment of personal property.

6. Though not immediately connected with the Subjects of the preceding part of the letter, yet as having relation to the obligations of Zemindars which are under Mr. Stokes' consideration, I venture to request the Board to furnish that Gentleman with the 15th Para of my letter of the 15th January 1855, regarding Tanks in Estates and Enam lands. The safety of one tank is so much dependant on that of another, & roads suffer so severely from the bursting of a reservoir, that some power to compel Zemindars & Enamdars to keep their Tanks in good order is earnestly desired by Civil Engineers & Collectors. It is evidently desirable also that the power to call upon Enamdars to contribute to the repairs of Tanks irrigating their lands, which is now exercised under a kind of Common law, should be secured by the most reliable authority of a Statute.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
3rd August
1855

No. 143.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue S. P. W.
Fort St. George

Official Memorandum.

In reply to Captain Collyer's Memo. of the 31st Ultimo the Collector has the honor to state that his Progress Report for Decr 1854 was furnished to the Civil Engineer so far back as 3rd March last.

A duplicate is herewith sent.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
4 Augt. 1855

No. 144.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revl.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that there are no Returns for the following Statements during the Month of July last.

Salt Confiscated
Goods Do.
Return of Imports & Exports of Bullion at the Sea Ports.

Madura
6 Augt. 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

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No. 145.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir

1 I have the honor to reply to the Board's Circular of the 21st Septr. 1854.

2 The causes of the increase in Column 5 & Decrease in Column 8 cannot be ascertained. The Board's entry is right.

3 The Increase in Column 8 is exactly balanced by the Decrease in Column 17. Hence also the entries of the Board are right.

4 The cause of the increase of 116 acres in the whole, as shewn in Column 20, is not ascertainable.

5 The Land Revenue of Fusly 1260, including Peshcush, amounted, as shewn in Column 27 to 10,08,013. The difference of 52,030 between it & the amount of Column 26 is the amount of Ryotwar Balances only at the end of Fusly 1259.

6. As regards Columns 8, 9, 10 & 11 in the Honorable Court's Statistical Statement, I beg to observe that 68,48,000 acres, entered as the Total area of the District Cultivated & Uncultivated, are the number contained in 10,700 square miles, which is the area given in the Board's Census Statement of Fusly 1260. This seems to have been adopted from the extent given for the Ayn Talooks only from an early period up to Fusly 1259 inclusive, in the Statistical Statement No. 1, which accompanied the yearly Jummabundy Reports. Whence it was assumed I cannot discover, but it was extremely wrong, for the Ayn Talooks measure less than 5500 square miles. The only authority we have for the area of the District is the Memorandum of a Trigonometrical Survey early in the Century by Ward & others. From this the Civil Engineer makes the area of the District, exclusive of Poodoocottah, 9427 square miles. Poodoocottah is entered in the Gazetteer, lately published by Messrs. Pharoah & Co. as containing 1300 square miles, so that the

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two together are rather more than 10,700 Square Miles. I see no reason however for mixing up Poodoocottah with Madura. It has no connexion with it, but the accidental circumstance of the Collr. Mr. Blackburne having been appointed Political Agent, because when Assistant Collector & Resident of Tanjore, he had become acquainted with the Rajah's family & his uncle Sir W. Blackburne had held the political Charge before him. Naturally that Country is more closely connected with Tanjore or Trichinopoly. I do not think, therefore, that 10,700 Square Miles was assumed as the Area of Madura with any reference to Poodoocottah.

7. I enclose a Statement of Cultivated, Barren, Uncultivated & Enam Lands (whole Villages included), compiled from the best Materials in my possession. It is, however, I regret to say far from being correct for the present time; for, as will be observed from the Column of Remarks, the accounts referred to for the Smaller Zemindaries are of very ancient date, since when, owing to the Estates being held by the Proprietors, no accounts of Cultivation have been received. Adverting to the very large Extent of land entered in some Zemindaries (Goontamanaikanoor and Bodenaikanoor for instances) as Cultivable, compared with the extent actually Cultivated, it cannot but be suspected that the accounts of the Fuslee year from which these particulars are taken, were very loosely made out. No doubt Cultivation in these Zemindaries has since much increased, for the Peshcush is paid with great regularity, and many of the Proprietors exhibit marks of wealth. It is known that Ammenaikanoor which pays to Government Rs. 13,969-8-6 per annum yields a gross revenue of 40,000 Rs. to the Renter Mr. De. Fondclaire.

8. I regret very much the delay which has taken place in replying to the Board's Circular. It has been occasioned by the vain endeavor to collect information of value from old accounts, relating to the great number of Zemindaries which are included in this District.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
7th Augt.
1855

No. 146. 81 161

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Official Memorandum.

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Board's Memo. of the 31st July 1855.

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collr.

4 Copies of the Selections from the records of the Madras Govt. 1855 No. XII
1 Copy of Do. of the Bengal Govt. No. XVII

Madura
8th Augt. 1855 }

No. 147.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to the Boards Circular of the 15th June last I have the honor to forward a revised Statement of offers for the Abkarry farm for Fusly 1265, & to state that in anticipation of Sanction I have put the parties in possession of their respective rents.

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
8th Augt. 1855 }

[No. 148. To the Court of Wards.]

No. 149.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

1 In compliance with the Boards Endorsement on the accompanying Petition, Board No. 74 of 1855, from Veeracanoo Ummal, Claimant of the Erasakanaickanoor Zemindary, I have the honor to report, that the application by the Govt. Vakeel of the Sudr. Udalut was successful. The orders of the Zilla & Civil Courts of Madura, requiring that the Estate should

should be delivered over to Veeracamoo Mummal were set aside on the grounds that the Collector was in possession, and was not a party to the Suit, in deciding which the Madura Court directed that the Estate should go to Veeracamoo Mummal after the death of Chinnammaul. It therefore remains, as it was at the time of Chinnammaul's death, in the hands of the Renter who pays the Peshcush to the Government.

2 I understand that Kadersawmy, alluded to in Para 4 of the Board's letter to Government of the 16th March 1854, has applied to be allowed to sue for the Estate in formâ pauperis, but I have not yet received any Official intimation of the fact. Veeracammoo Mummaul has not yet brought a suit.

3. A Copy of the Proceedings of the Sudr Udalut, dated 27 February 1855, alluded to in the first Para, is enclosed. It is the transcript of one obtained at the time from the Civil Court at Madura by the Govt. Vakeel there. I should have then forwarded it to the Board, but had been promised one direct from the Sud. Udalut in a demi-Official note from the Govent. Pleader; which was not furnished, & for which I waited till the matter escaped my memory.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
9 Augt. 1855

No. 150.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. From the observation in Para 3 of the Board's Proceedings of the 19th Ultimo, that the loss under the reductions proposed by them would amount to 1300 Rs per Annum, I am left in doubt whether there has not been some omission in the previous remarks.

2 By Para 1 the Tax on Gardens in the Upper range is reduced from Fanams 6 to 4/2 Fs. per Gooly, & by Para 3, that on Cardamoms which was 10 Fs. per Gooly is lowered to 3 Fs. This is the sum of the alterations, & the decrease occasioned thereby is

	Rs	
Gardens	243	See Enclosure in letter from Collr. dated 13th April 1854, where taking the tax at 3 Fs. the Gooly the loss is stated at 485 Rs.
Cardamom	14.	Statement in Para 13 of Do.
Total	257.	

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3. I think it possible that the Board may have intended to reduce the tax on the Nunjah in the Upper range. It is now 4 Fs. per Cooly. In his enclosure the Sub Collector shewed that were it decreased to 2 Fs. the loss would be 1002, which added to the loss from Gardens & Cardamoms would amount to 1269 - or nearly the sum given by the Board.

4. I shewed, however, that this Nunjah stood in the same relation to the Totum as one Crop to two Crop Nunjah elsewhere, & therefore suggested 3 Fanams, which would I think be sufficiently liberal. It would entail a loss of 501 Rupees.

5. The Government on the 30 June 1854 sanctioned the abolition of the Plantain Tax in the Upper Range, & of Garden tax on the lower Range, at the same time it raised the Poonjah tax in the latter to 3 Fs. This change was not carried out at the last Settlement, because the Ryots had commenced their Cultivation before the orders were promulgated - Accounts, however, were taken to shew what would have been its effect, copy of which, as regards the lower Range, I beg to enclose. The Plantain Cultivation in the Upper range is too inconsiderable to require further notice. It will be observed that had the new system been adopted there would have been a net increase of 607 Rs. in the Settlement of the Veroopatchy & Tandigoody Villages on the land Cultivated in Fusly 1264 - a result, which I think the Board as little anticipated as I did myself. It no where appears that they had any intention of increasing the burdens of the people, & the proposition to enhance the general Teerwa on Poonjah was made at the same time with another to do away with any distinctive Teerwa on old Plantain Gardens. I am inclined to think that both should go together, and that either the Poonjah Teerwah should remain as before at 2 Fs. per Cooly, or that Plantains, when cultivated in old Gardens, should cease to bear an exceptional tax. As regards Turmeric, ginger & other products taxed as Garden in the lower range, I would propose that they, under any circumstances, should pay simply as Poonjah, inasmuch

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as they are grown without irrigation in Poonjah land.

6 The reason which influenced the Board in adhering to the present tax of 10 Rs on Existing Plantain Gardens, was prohibition; but it is not stated whether they desire to prohibit the Cultivation of plantains altogether, or only Clearings of the forest for fresh Gardens. If their object is confined to the latter it may be observed that, with respect to existing Gardens, the mischief to the forest has been already done, & that if for the purpose of preventing further destruction of timber, any measure is requisite in addition to the heavy tax of 15 Rs per Cooly on fresh clearings for Plantains, the best would seem to be something to induce the Ryots to be contented with their present lands & to fit their further Cultivation by manuring. Along with the penalty on new lands, there would then be a bonus on the old ones. I have written to the Asst Sub Collector & the Tahsildar of Tenkassy to consult with persons well acquainted with the Hill Villages, for the purpose of ascertaining whether these views, as regards Plantains, are correct; & should their report give me no reason to suppose to the contrary I hope the Board will allow me to bring the point again before them, & approve of my suspending the order to raise the Poonjah Tax in the lower Ranges meanwhile.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
10th Augt. 1855

No. 151

To The Actg. Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to the Boards' Proceedings of the 10th Instant No. 2047. I have the honor to state that no Tax is levied under the Head of Moturpha from the makers or sellers of Chunam, nor on the Kilns. There is no Motarpha whatever in the Madura District.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
13th Augt. 1855

No. 152

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to para 6 & latter part of para 12 of my

my letter dated the 17th July last, I have the honor to forward
2 advertisements for sale of lands of Revenue defaulters, for pub-
lication in the Board's Office.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
16 Augt. 1855

No. 153.

To The Actg. Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that there are no Returns of "Persons convicted & confined" & of "Persons charged with offences", & tried either by me or my Subordinates, under Regulation IX of 1822, for the Month of July 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
16 Augt. 1855

No. 154.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. In compliance with the order of the Board contained in their Proceedings of the 21 July last, I have the honor to state that the detailed Yeomiah Register, prescribed in the Circular Order of the 18 January 1841, has been kept in this district, and the recipients duly mustered every six months. Allowances on lapsing have not been scored out in the Original Register, but omitted in the fresh Registers made every year for the purpose of noting the Muster. Each lapse has been reported to the Civil Auditor.

2. These Registers, including the original one, are formed of the common Country Paper. It seems to me desirable that a Copy should be made of the original Register of 1841 on English Paper & authenticated by my signature, and that in this all Yeomiahs which have already lapsed, or may do so in future, should be scored through, the yearly Registers for muster being kept and recorded as heretofore.

3. I have the honor to enclose a list of the Yeomiahs paid under

under the Head of Pagoda & Mosque allowances, which are the only pensions in this District which are considered hereditary, besides those allowed to dispossessed Poligars & their families.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
16 Augt. 1855.

No. 155.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Board that no answer has been received from them to my letter of the 6th June last, No. 99, & in consequence I have delayed to put the Cottampatty Topes in possession of the person offering for their Lease.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
22d. Augt. 1855

No. 156.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Official Memorandum.
The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Book forwarded with the Board's Memorandum of the 14 August 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

1 Copy of Selections from the records of the Bengal Government No. XX

Madura
22d. Augt. 1855.

No. 157.

To
The Ay. Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir
With reference to your letter of the 15th Instant, I have the honor to forward a Copy of the Rain Register, transmitted to the Departt. of Public Works, for the month of July 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
23d. Augt. 1855.

No 150.   84   167

To The Actg Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George.

Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 17th instant, requiring a report every fortnight on the state of the season, I have the honor to inform you, that owing to the North East Monsoon last year being very heavy & late, a larger extent of land than usual was sown with Paddy in April & May, which should have come to maturity, and been carried to account in the settlement of the present year 1265 F. Had the usual quantity of rain fallen early in the present season these Crops would have been safe, as a considerable supply remained in the Tanks after the Spring harvest. This early Rain, however, failed, and 2/3rds of these Crops have entirely perished. The regular Cultivation of Fusly 1265 is also very backward. Till recently it was impossible to sow Nunjah or Punjah, and even ploughing could be carried only to a limited extent. It is time that seed Paddy should be transplanted but it is only just beginning to be sown.

2 I am gratified in being able to state, however, that there was a good fall almost throughout the District during last week, and that the Ryots are every where taking advantage of it. Some Tanks have received 10 days supply of water. If we should have more rain within a week, the District will do tolerably well. At present the prices remain as before, very high. Rice sells in the Madura Bazaar at 12 Madras Measures for the Rupee. My next Report will be more particular. I propose to send it in on the 10th Proximo.

Madura
24 Augt.
1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 159.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board dated the 17th Instant, I have the honor to transmit Copy of a Letter from Mr. Clarke, explaining the necessity of his residence at Palany for 53 days, and as regards the stay of Mr. Hodgson at Ramnad, I beg to state that, at my request, he made that place, at which there is no Cutchery, his Head Quarters. The Foujdaree Udalut, some years ago, expressed their opinion that Ramnad should be the Station of an Assistant Magistrate, and if the Board will do me the favor to look at the Map of the District, they will at once perceive the propriety of this arrangement. When I have had more than one Assistant, the charge of the Head has been the Police of Ramnad and Shevagungah, with the routine duties of the Departments of Salt Sea Customs, and Madura itself constitutes a very inconvenient Station for the performance of this duty. I have therefore deemed it my duty to direct the Head Assistant to make Ramnad & Shevagungah his Head Quarters, & the former chiefly. At present I am obliged to arrange differently owing to there as yet being no Second Assistant within the District.

Madura
29th August 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 160.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the revised statements of Demand, Collection and Balance of this District, for the Months of June and July 1855, inserting therein the actual amount of the Settlement of Fusly 1264.

Madura
31st Augt. 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 161

To The Ag. Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit, for the orders of the Board, the accompanying Copy of a Sentence passed by the Session Court of Madura, in which the Prisoner, the Manager of the Dindigul Devastanum, is declared, though acquitted of the Charge of Breach of Trust brought against him, to be "wholly unworthy of the trust reposed in him"; and a Copy also of a × Letter 16 May 1855.

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3rd July 1855 - letter from the Acting Joint Magistrate intimating the same opinion, in which I entirely concur.

2. With reference to the allusion in the Acting Judge's letter to his

17th Nov. 1849 - blemished character, I beg to enclose further Copy of Sentence passed on the same individual Comarapillay by Mr. Knox when Acting Joint Magistrate.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
1st Septr. 1855

No. 162.

To The Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 1320, & dated the 28th May last, I have the honor to state that a careful search has been made in the Sub Collectors' Office and my own, without success, for any correspondence or Endorsement on a Petition in which the Sub Collector's decision in the Arunachinore Boundary dispute was confirmed by the Board - Mr. Clarke has personally informed me that he thinks that the assertion to that effect in his report, from which the statement in my own letter was copied, must have been derived from verbal information -

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
1st Septr. 1855

No. 163

To The Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir, I have the honor to inform you that there are no Returns for the following Statements during last month -

Salt Confiscated

Goods Do.

Return of Imports or Exports of Bullion at the Sea Ports.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
4 Septr. 1855

[No. 164 to the Court of Wards.]

No. 165

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of the Printed Forms noted in

in the margin, advised in your letter of the 31st ultimo, I have the honor to forward Copy of Form of the Price Current usually furnished to the Officer Commanding Madura, as therein required.

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
7th Sept. 1855

D. L. Balance . 24
Price of Grain . 24
Saving Contracts 48.

No. 166.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. In conformity with the Endorsement on Board's Petition No. 326 of 1855, herewith returned, I have the honor to state that in Fusly 1257, owing to a suspicion raised by a decrease in the Village of Coomaradeecotay, some of the Cultivated lands were measured by a Talook Gomastah, who reported an excess in the measurement of Stulls of Cawy 7 $\frac{1/4}{16}$ in Nunjah - 1 $\frac{14\,1/4}{16}$ Totum & 3 Caw. $\frac{5\,1/4}{16}$ Poonjah. A complaint being made to me at the end of Fusly 1260 I directed a re-measurement by the Muzoomdar of the Talook, who accordingly examined the Stulls fully Cultivated in Fusly 1257 and found that, deducting 10 per Cent, according to the Board's rule, the excess above the Fyzul Entry in these Stulls amounted to Cawy 13 $\frac{3/4}{16}$ instead of 0 $\frac{12\,3/4}{16}$ difference 7 $\frac{15}{16}$ Cawy assessed at Rs. 37 - as 14 - ps 10. The Cultivation of these Stulls slightly varied in subsequent years. The overcharge in each of the 4 years, was as follows. D × Fyzul Rate

Fusly 1257	⊗ 47 . 1 . 7
" 1258	36 . 12 . 5
" 1259	35 . 0 . 1
" 1260	33 . 15 . "
Total Overcharge	153 . 5 . 1

⊗ Note. The Fyzul rate in Fusly 1257 was enhanced by the Cultivation of Vanpire.

2. The correctness of the Gomastah's measurement of Stulls, not fully cultivated in Fusly 1257, could not, of course, be tested in Fusly 1261. These, therefore, were not re-measured by the Muzoomdar. Hence the difference in the amount of the excess as stated in the Petition and in this Report. There can be no certainty that, as regards these portions of Stulls, the Entry in the Jummabundy was wrong, either in Fusly 1257 or in any subsequent Fusly.

3. The Muzoomdar's Report was received in Fusly 1261 and a reduction accordingly made in the Jummabundy of that Fusly.

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I cannot recollect that any application for a refund, on account of the 4 former Fuslies, was made at that time. Subsequently a petition, claiming this, was presented to the Acting Collector in June 1853, who refused a refund because the accounts were closed, and this Endorsement was afterwards confirmed by me. I would now beg to recommend that Sanction may be obtained for returning to the Petitioners the sum of Rs. 153-5-1 as exhibited in Para 1.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
8 Septr. 1855

No. 167

To
The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revl.
Fort St. George

Sir,

1 With reference to my letter of the 24th Ultimo, I have the honor to state that the supply of rain, since that period, has been very insufficient. About 1/2 Inch fell at Madura on the night of the 8th, but it did not extend far, and previously there had been nothing better than a few heat-showers. The most westerly Talook, Iyempully, suffers most, and those to the North the least. The weather is now very sultry and Cloudy.

2 The Punjah Crops sown last Month are languishing, and the breadth of this class of Cultivation is less than the average. Apart from the Crop planted out late last year, and carried to the account of this, which has for the most part, perished, Nunjah has, as yet, been little cultivated. At this moment the weather is more promising.

3 The price of Rice of the best sort in the Madura bazaar had risen as high as 1 Rupee for 10½ Measures. The rain of the 8th has now brought it down again to 1 Rupee for 12 Measures, as at the date of my last report. This, however, is very high. Paddy is 25 Measures the Rupee in Madura & Dindigul; and 23 in Mellacottah & Iyempully; 27 Measures in Tenkurray, & 26 in Meylore; 28 in Ramghery which adjoins Trichinopoly.

4 The prices of all dry grains are very high, higher than Paddy.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
10 Septr. 1855

No. 168.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned printed forms advised in your letter of the 22d March 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
19th September 1855.

Salt Kowanahs ... 5,000.

No. 169

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

As required by your Circular No. 2010, dated 9th August 1855, I have the honor to transmit a Statement shewing the Total exports of each Kind of Oil and Oil seeds, for each of the last 5 years ending 30th June 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
20th Sept. 1855.

No. 170.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In accordance with the directions of the Board under date 17th May 1841, the Village of Ramrajapooram was included in Ayn on the death of the Enamdar on the 26th December 1854. The Beriz of the Fusly (1264) was R. 830-13-10. of which R. 106-12 as. were received by the deceased, whose Widow claims a share in proportion to the number of Months (5½) her husband lived. This I think just, and accordingly request that Sanction may be obtained for payment to her of Rupees 277-11-0 which, with the sums collected by the late Enamdar, will make that proportion.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
21st September 1855

No. 171.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Boards' Circular dated 23d Decr

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December 1830, I have the honor to submit an Estimate for making Bureaus &c. for the use of my Cutchery, and request that you will be good enough to procure me the necessary sanction.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura }
21st Septr. }
1855 }

No. 172.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In the List of deposits lost by the defalcations in the Madura Treasury in Mr. Peters time, and payment of which from the Government Funds was sanctioned by the Minutes of Consultation of the 27th August 1836, is included a sum of Rs. 109-14-8 as due to Ramiengar Salt Amildar. This has never yet been paid, and Ramiengar is dead, but his younger brother Ragavaingar now claims the Amount. The present Salt Amildar testifies of his own personal knowledge that Ragavaingar is the younger brother and sole heir of Ramiengar, but as 17 years passed after receipt of sanction before application was made in the latter part of 1853, I do not feel justified in disbursing the Amount without fresh Authority, which I now beg to solicit. The non payment hitherto has been ascertained by Examination of the Treasury Chittas.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura }
21 September }
1855 }

[No. 173 to the Court of Wards.]

No. 174.

To The Ag. Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1 During the last 15 days the Season has, upon the whole, improved but the Rain has been partial, & parts of the District still suffer considerably from drought. This is chiefly the Case in Ramnad, the Eastern half of

of Meylore & Nellacottah -

2 From Teroomangalum the Southernmost of the Ayu Talooks, the report has not arrived, but from private sources it is understood, that Cultivation is proceeding favorably - The same may be said of Madacolum which contains the Town of Madura - There have been almost daily showers though of no long duration - In Teukurray, under the Pulney Hills, there have been several good falls - Up to the period of my last Report Cumbum the most Westerly Talook was suffering very severely, but here too, I am happy to say, a considerable supply has been received, and Cultivation is progressing - My report from Shevagunga is also favorable - The Weather continues cloudy & promises rain -

3 Notwithstanding these favorable appearances, prices have rather risen than fallen - Paddy sells

	Mea.
In Madura per Rupee	21½
" Meylore	24
Teukurray	27
Dindigul	26
Pulney	24
Nelacottah	25.

Madura }
25th Septr. 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 175.

To The Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that there is no "Return of Persons convicted & confined" & tried either by me or my Subordinates under Regulation IX of 1822, for the Month of August 1855 -

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura }
26th Septr. 1855 }

No. 176.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 14th Instant I have the honor to state that the System of Rent-free backyards cannot be said to exist in the Madura District -

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District - Assessed land is not occupied for backyards, and if any thing is grown in Perumpoke so appropriated, the Ryots in general are made to pay a teerva fixed with reference to the tax on adjoining lands of the same quality, and the land is included in the general statement of Cultivation. An exception however is made in favor of Bramins, whose Cultivation in Perumpoke backyards is not made to pay. I am unable to prepare any account of these as no requisition is made regarding them from year to year. The extent however is very small, as they are all comprized in the grama nuttum.

Madura }
26th Septr }
1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr

No. 177.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th Ultimo desiring me to furnish the Board with a statement of the different claims which may be preferred to the Ramnad Zemindary on the death of the present Incumbent, with a Genealogical table, and a statement of the particulars of the adoption of an heir by one of the daughters of the late Zemindar.

2. The probable claimants are the following placed inversely as to the value of their pretensions.

1 Vellee Taven
2 Mootoochella Taven
3 Sevasawmy Taven
4 Puttabble Ramasawmy Taven
5 Satoo Karasoo Nachear.
& 6 Penisawmy Taven Son of Rungiah Taven

3. I enclose Genealogical Trees No. 1 & 2 of the Ramnad Zemindars filed in O.S. No. 3 of 1813 before the Provincial Court S. Dn, in which Sevagamy Nauchear daughter of the Zemindar, before the Permanent Settlement, sued the Istimrar Zemindar Mungalesvara Nachear and was defeated, a continuation of the same marked No. 3 and the Family Tree of Sivasawmy Taven No. 4.

I proceed to notice the probable claimants seriatim.

4 A Copy of a Petition presented by this individual to the Sudr. Udalut was forwarded to me with the Board's Proceedings of the 7th May 1851. He claims because Mootoo Teroovayee Nachear, whose son Mootooramalinga Sathooputty and daughter Ranee Mungaleshwara Nachear, successively enjoyed the Zemindary married a brother of the Petitioner's alleged Grand father. The claim seems worthless, for the two Zemindars above mentioned inherited in right of their Mother, not their Father, whose relations therefore can have no pretension. Nerinjee Taven was never Zemindar. | Villee Taven

Nerinjee Taven

5 The claim of this person was noticed in Enclosure No. 16 Mr. Blackburne's letter of the 11th November 1845 and pronounced unworthy of Consideration; He is not a member of the family but his sister married Annasawmy Saithoopatty who was adopted by Zemindar Mungaleshwara Nachear, and his Brother Ramasawmy Taven became Zemindar by adoption of Annasawmy Saitoopatty this wife. | Mootoochellee Taven

6 Sevasawmy Taven is now suing the present Zemindar for the Estate on the ground of Ramasawmy Taven Cousin of his great grandfather having married the latter Zemindar Mungaleshwara Nachear, & the brother of his Grand father having been given in adoption to Mungaleshwara Nachear & succeeded her as Zemindar. These however give no title. Ramasawmy Taven was never Zemindar, and as regards Annasawmy Saithoopatty, adoption took him out of his Natural family, and communicated to it no rights as regards the property which he thereby acquired. The Board will find this claim discussed at length in my letter of the 12th January 1854. | * No. 3 of 1855 on the file of the Civil Court.

7. Puttabhee Ramasawmy Taven is mentioned in Para 9 of my letter of the 1st April 1851. He styles himself the illegitimate son of Mootooramalinga Saithoopatty who preceded the late Zemindar & was deposed. If this relationship gave a claim, why did he not succeed his father? Supposing him to be what he pretends to be, his illegitimacy | Puttabhee Ramasawmy Taven

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and supercession by the Government, & then grant of the Zemindar Zemindari to another, appear to me a complete bar to his succession. I have no proof that he is Son of Mootooramalinga Taven.

Saithookarasoo Natchear

8. Saithoo Karasoo Nachear - also mentioned in my letter of the 1st April 1851 - Paras 5 @ 7, is the daughter of Vijeya Gopaul Satoopputty, by his wife Poomasoondea Nachear - This Vijaya Gopaul Saithoopputty married a second time Sevagamy Nachear, formerly alluded to as Suitor for the Estate in 1813, and daughter of Mootooramalinga Saithoopputty - She can have no claim thro' her step Mother, but I am not so certain that if the descent of her father from the 4th Zemindar, as exhibited in the Pedigree marked No. 2, could be established, it might not be of more avail -

Pareasawmy Taven

9. Pereasawmy Taven, son of Rangiah Taven, also claims from Sevagamy Nachear and Vijia Gopaul Saithoopputty, asserting his father's adoption by them - It is certain that they for some time before their death treated Rangiah Taven as their adopted Son - and the fact, but not the date, is mentioned in a Mooktearnamah dated 14th March 1830; but there is considerable doubt as to the adoption having been legal. In the first place Vijia Gopaul Saithoopputty was taken by Sevagamy Nachear after she had repudiated her first husband, a custom tolerated by the Maravers but opposed, I should think, to Hindoo Law - and certain persons examined by an Ameenah sent to enquire, in 1843, deposed to his being a servant only of the Nachear. A further objection, urged by Saithoo Karasoo Nachear, is stated in Para 8 of my letter of the 1st April 1851, Vizt that Rangia Taven was too old to be adopted & had 2 Children in 1830 when the adoption was first declared - My own opinion is adverse to the validity of the adoption -

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10 As regards all claims derived from persons antecedent to the Sunnud Istimrar, it may be questioned whether that Instrument which conferred the Estate on Mungulesharara Nachear did not confine the succession to her descendants. The privy Council decided against Sevagamy Nachear Plff in O. S. 13 in the Provincial Court S. D. on the ground that the Sunnud Istimrar was the foundation of right to this Zemindary.

11 In reply to the Board's question relative to the adoption by the 2d of the female Minor Zemindars Dhorarajah Nachear, I beg to refer to Mr Blackburne's letters of the 26 September and 4 October 1845. The adoption was made the day before her death, and was invalid under Section XXV Regulation V of 1804 not having been previously sanctioned by the Court of Wards. The individual is alive and is named Sevasamy alias Annasamy. His acquiescence in the enjoyment of the present Zemindar would I should think, be accepted by the Courts as a conclusive proof of the nullity of the adoption.

12. The Petition× of Selakamoo Nachear, received with the Board's letter of the 4 September, is herewith returned. ×No. 259 of 1855.

(Signed) R D Parker
Collr.

Madura
27 Septr. 1855

No. 170.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revl.
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the Board will be so good as to obtain me the sanction of Government for a grant of 7 Goolies of Poonjah land assessed at 4. 7. 3 to Tirumalay pillay's Chuttrum at Ramapasay in exchange for an extent of land of the same terwah to be taken for the purpose of erecting houses there for the Tasildar & other servants of the Ramghery Talook.

A Talook Cutchery

Cutcherry has just been completed at Manapar under the Sanction of Government of the 20th February 1852 and by order of Government dated the 6th February 1855. Rupees 1665 have been advanced to the tenants to build houses. The Trustee of the Chuttrom has consented to the arrangement.

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
28 Septr.
1855

No. 179.

To
The Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of my letter of the 9th Ultimo I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board of Revenue Copy of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Subordinate Court dated 29th Augt. 1855 declining to entertain the Suit brought against me & others by Kaderiasamy for the Erachetanaiknoor Estate -

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
28 Septr.
1855.

No. 180.

To
The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1 In returning the accompanying Petition No. 1797 of 1855, I have the honor to refer the Board to Mr. Blackburne's letter of the 21st April 1834, which contains a history of the case - It may be of convenience that I should give a short abstract.

2 After one Areyabuthra pillay, the Meerasee Curnum of the Meenatchee Pagoda at Madura, was dismissed in 1808, Nuttathoombra Pillay his Gomastah, did the duty till Feby. 1831, when he was dismissed & the Meerasidar restored -

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3 The endowment of the Office was

Moottangollam	1 Village
Terovanoor	1/4
Chittalangoody	2½/10
Total	1 - 6½/16

which were sequestered with the Pagoda Villages in general in Fusly 1213 - A.D. 1803.

4. Nullathombra Pillay, at first received no part of this endowment, but was remunerated by an allowance of 40 Fanams a month, provided for the office of Curnum in the general Sisteek of the Pagoda only, till 1821, when the 6½/16 Villages were made over to him in addition. The whole Village of Moottangollam was still retained in sequestration till 1834 (Fusly 1244) when it was surrendered to Areyabuthra Pillay under the Board's sanction of the 25th August of that year. Other Dewastanum Sibbundy Villages had been made over previously with the accumulated income -

5. Nullathombra Pillay, or rather his Creditor (the present Petitioner) on his behalf, demanded the income of the endowment accruing in sequestration during the period of his incumbency but both Mr. Viveash and Mr. Blackburne resisted the claim on the ground that he was merely a Gomastah who had been amply remunerated by what he had received - and the Board acquiesced - Fr. Zillah Judge Madura 14th Septr. 1829. To Board 21st April 1834. From Do. 8th May 1834.

6. The Creditor now wishes to re-open the matter, and to be allowed to bring proof before me that Nullathombra Pillay was a Meerasidar, and therefore entitled to the whole endowment for the time he did the duty. I shall await the Board's orders before entering into an intricate investigation relative to a matter on which my Predecessors have already expressed decided opinions -

7. In the mean time, however, it may be useful to give some further information regarding the fate of the income from this endowment while managed by Government -

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8. We have no record of the actual Collections. Those both of the Village Mootangollum and the $6\frac{1}{16}$ of the other two till Fusly 1210, though accruing under management, were enjoyed by the Enamdars. From Fusly 1210 to Fusly 1239, both inclusive, with which period Nullathoombra Pillay was concerned, the Berize of Mootangollam amounted to . . . . 1743 - 4 - 7
The $6\frac{1}{2}/16$ Villages upto F 1229 when they were restored . 1593 - 4 - 11
Total 3336 - 9 - 6
which is 144 - 1 - 9 less than the sum now claimed.

9. So much of this as may have been realized upto Fusly 1237 was kept in the Treasury under the Head of Deposits, & was lost in the Defalcations during the Collectorate of Mr. Peter. The Collections subsequent to that time were expended in the Maramut charges of the Pagoda.

10. In the list which accompanied the Board's Proceedings of the 1st September 1836 sanctioning refunds of defalcations, they will find an Item of 2148 - 12 - 4 on account of 24 Sundry Villages of the Meenatchee Pagoda. The whole or the greater part of this probably belongs to the 1 $6\frac{1}{2}/16$ Villages in question. It has not been paid because there is no particular Account on which to base a distribution. For the difference between this sum & the Amount of Berize above mentioned I have no means of accounting.

Madura . . . . (Signed) R. D. Parker
29th Sept. 1855 } Collector
Despd. 1st October 1855

No. 101.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

To No. 25th Nov. 1854
From D. 21 Dec.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin I have the honor to forward Translation of a Diary Order of the Subordinate Judge dated the 23 July 1855 in O.S. No. 53 of 1854 on the file of that Court dismissing the Suit in consequence of failure on the part of the Plaintiff to file a reply within the time allowed by

by the Court.

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Madura 3^d October 1855	(Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 102.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to paras 1 & 3 of my letter of the 9th Ultimo I have the honor to forward Copy of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Sudr Udalut dated the 23d August 1855 rejecting the motion of the Vakeel on behalf of Veerakamoo Ammal for reconsideration of their order of the 26th February last, and directing recovery of 1/4th of the Established Vakeels fee Viz. Rupees 57. 15. . from Veerakamoo Ammal. The Government Vakeel reports that an order in accordance with the above has been issued by the Civil Court. D

Madura 3d October 1855	(Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 103.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that there are no returns for the following Statements during the month of September 1855. D

Salt Confiscated

Goods Confiscated.

Return of Imports or Exports of Bullion at the Sea Ports.

Return of Revenue Defaulters confined in & released from Jail for the Quarter ending 30th September 1855.

Madura 4th October 1855	(Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 104.

To The Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1 I have had the honor to receive the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 2489 dated the 25th Ultimo requiring information regarding the pecuniary Circumstances of Veerakamoo Ummaul disappointed claimant of the Erachaka Ry

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naicknoor Zemindary which has escheated to Government.

2. I have ascertained that she depends for support on land assessed at 83 Rupees per Annum, 3 Topes hitherto untaxed and measuring 6 Goontahs or rather more than 2 Cawnies and Sheep and Cattle valued at about 400 Rupees. She has jewels & Sundries worth 400 Rupees more, but these yielding no income, should not I think be taken into account.

3. The land was inherited by her from her Aunt Chinnamaul the late Zemindar, who held it as, what is called "Pannai" that is Zemindar's private Cultivation. It is excluded from the lease of the Estate given to Chockalingum Pillay, and the assessment can therefore be demanded by the Government direct. The same observation applies to the Topes, the tax payable on which I am unable to state as the trees have not been counted. If subject to land tax only they would pay about 9 Rupees.

4. The land tax in this Zemindary being very light, I do not estimate the tax at more than 1/3^d the gross produce. The remainder would be 166 Rupees, from which deducting 66 Rupees for expenses of Cultivation, Veera Kunnumauls net income therefrom will not be less than 100 Rupees per Annum.

Add income from Cattle at 5 per Cent . . . . . 20 - " -

and from Topes after payment of teerva . . . . 10 - " -

Total 130 R^s per annum

5. Veera Kaummaul is therefore by no means indigent, but as she has been led to entertain hopes of the Zemindary the Government may be disposed to add some what to her income.

6. It appears to me that this may be conveniently done by allowing her to hold the land and topes now in her possession free of tax for her life, carrying the assessment to account & deducting it every year. I would also recommend that this concession may have retrospective effect to the date of Cunnammauls death from which time the said tax is due by her.

7. The Peshcush of the Erachakanaiknoor Zemindary

was 206-15-0. The Rent payable by Chockalingum Pillay 346-15-8, whose receipts are supposed to be not less than between five & six thousand Rupees per Annum.

Madura }
9th October 1855 }
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 185.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return Petition "Board No. 37 of 1855," referred to me for report with reference to the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated the 15th August 1854.

2 In compliance with the orders contained in the latter I have already submitted a full report dated the 15th January 1855 on re-perusal of which in connexion with this petition I can find nothing to add. To the best of my ability I have placed both sides of the question before the Board for the decision of Government. D

Madura }
9th October 1855 }
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 186

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1 With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 21st November 1853 I have the honor to forward Statements shewing the present Emoluments & Numbers of the Village Natamgars. Curnums Cavelgars. Tundulgars and Toties and the Measures I would propose to render these Establishments more efficient. × 8 for the 8 Govt. Talooks Abstract. 1/9 D/

2. It will be seen that it would be exceedingly difficult in Madura to divide the Village Police from the Village Officers in general. The former Head is usually considered to comprize Natamgars. Taliars and Cavelgars, but there are no Servants under the denomination of Taliars in Madura, and while in some Villages there are many Cavelgars, in others there are none. There is not one in the whole Talook of Nellacottah & only 40 in the 4 large Talooks of Meylore. Teukunay Tadicomboo & Iyempully.

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Police duties have therefore been performed by the Totees & Tundal, who are properly Revenue Servants, quite as much as by Cavil-gars; and as Curnums also always aid the Heads of Villages, and are at present very unequally paid, it has appeared to me desirable to take the opportunity of reviewing the condition of the Village Establishments in general.

3 In doing so I have omitted the Zemindarees. In Ramnad & Shevagungah the Village Officers are for the most part remunerated by Swatuntrums or grain fees proportionate to the gross produce in each year. In the others I do not perceive how the Government could with any convenience to itself resume Enams and substitute money payments, considering the almost impossibility of managing little patches of land in various Estates.

4 In general the Natamgars from which body the Heads of Villages are taken are fairly remunerated in this District; and as I entertain a strong opinion that a substantial Ryot from the influence conferred by his property, is in general much more efficient than a stranger on the small Salary which the State could afford for the service. I do not propose to make any change in respect to them. For several years past pains have been taken in this District to induce the Heads of Village to fit themselves for their duties by a knowledge of reading, writing & the regulations which apply to them, and where the Meerapeidar is very ignorant it has been the practice to put in a Manager to act for him till he shall have rendered himself competent. I will not say that the Heads of Village are as well instructed as could be desired, but they are certainly improving & are preferable I think to needy men, having no stake in the Village. If the Board will glance over the smaller Villages they will perceive that a money allowance fixed on the percentage adopted in South Arcot would be altogether inadequate to obtain the Services of competent persons. In large Villages some degree of intelligence on the part of the Head

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is secured by the practice I have alluded to above.

5. The Enams of Curnums Cavelgars Tundals and Totees I propose entirely to resume & compensate by money allowances. It is desirable that the time of these Classes should be entirely given up to their public duties, and that their remuneration should be sufficient for their maintenance. At present about 1/4th of their Enams are uncultivated, and from some Talooks, I receive intimations that the Tundals & Totees refuse to do duty, on the very just plea that they receive nothing for it. their Enams being left uncultivated either on account of their bad quality or their want of time to attend to it. Suppose the land be good, & they let it to others, nothing is more common than for the tenant to refuse payment of what he had agreed to give. and in that case they have no resource but to sue in the Civil Court. The Curnums suffer from these Causes, as well as the lower Officers, and they peculate to live.

6. The substitution of a Money Salary for land will remedy these evils. and the further one of a great disproportion in the emoluments to the labour in several places.

7. Where I have assigned more than 5 Rupees per mensem to a Curnum I have done so from a consideration that he will require some assistance for which he will have to pay from his own Salary. In general its rate proposed is 4 Rupees up to a Beriz of 1000 Rs. 4½ Rs. for 1000 to 2000. 5 from 2000 to 3000. Where the revenue is higher than that either more than one Curnum is allowed, or the Salary is raised so as to enable the Incumbent to procure occasional or partial assistance. Some variation from this rule is caused by the Circumstance of the greater Extent of Poonjah land required to yield these Amounts of Beriz, and the Amount of the Enams enjoyed at present.

8. The Cavelgars I propose to remunerate uniformly at the South Arcot standard 2½ Rs. a Month or 30 Rs. per Annum. I should prefer the Establishment being fixed for each Talook rather than for each Village in order that we may benefit by Experience in their location. It is out of my power at this

distance

distance of time to explain the apparently Capricious grant of Cavil Enams by the Native Govt, bearing in many cases no proportion to the importance of the places in which they are situated - In explanation of the small number of Cavelgars proposed for the Talooks of the Sub Division I beg to state that they contain large Zemindaries, particularly Nellacotah -

9 It will be observed that the proposed number of Totees and Tundalgars falls considerably short of that now registered - But it must be considered that they are at present not only unequally distributed, but that where there are more than one in a Village they only do duty in turns - The number of effective Servants will be greater under the proposed System - So small are some of the Villages that I am unable in all cases to adhere to the principle of making the allowance suffice for the maintenance of the incumbent - The highest rate proposed is 2 Rs a month - the lowest 8 as - In the small Villages the incumbent will have time to work on his private Account.

10 - My proposition involve an apparent excess charge of Rs 1451-9-0 But in reality it is much greater, for a good deal of the land to be resumed is waste & some worthless.

11 The pay of the Curnums & Cavelgars can be issued on monthly Indent like that of the Talook Servants, but to avoid great trouble I would propose that the salaries of the Tundalgars and Totees should be deducted from the Village Beriz at the Jummabundy & retained in the Talook to be distributed quarterly or half yearly, without coming into the Government Accounts -

12. It will be evident, from the large amount of Cavel Enam held in some single Villages that the Office has been in many instances a mere Sinecure - Some dissatisfaction will be felt when this abuse is done away with - but I propose to obviate discontent as much as possible by employing the Sharers dispossessed in other

places

places where the Office is newly created.

13. I would strongly recommend that the Curnums may be paid wholly in money for the reason I have already alluded to Vizt the difficulty they have in securing a safe income from land.

Madura
11th October 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No 107.

To The Actg Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

As the Minor Zemindar of Ayacoody lives far from the house of the Sheevagungah Zemindar where he daily attends Mr Fletcher for instruction. I have complied with the request of his Guardian "to be allowed purchase a Buggy & harness to the value of 150 Rs from the surplus fund of the Zemindary & solicit the confirmation of my order from the Court of wards.

Madura
8th October 1855
Despd 11th Do Do } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No 108.

To The Actg Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward 4 Advertisements for sale of lands of Revenue defaulters (2 of them duly revised according to your letter of the 25th August last) No 2220, for publication in the Board's Office.

Madura
9th October 1855
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Collector

No 109.

To The Actg Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
Fort St George.

Sir,

1 My last report on the state of the Season was dated the 25th Ultimo. Subsequently it has continued to improve except in the Eastern portion of Sheevagungah & Ramnad where Cultivation is usually later than in other parts of the District. From Teroomungalum, Tenkerray & Tadicombo Talooks the reports

are decidedly favorable. In Madacolum Showers have been very frequent, but light and remarkably partial. Generally the season may now be pronounced tolerably good, but late.

2 Prices, however, for the most part remain the same & are high. In one Talook they have risen, and in one only, Ramghery, which feels the influence of Tanjore production, have they fallen.

	Paddy Sells.	Last Report
In Madura per Rupee	21½	Same
Meylore	24	do.
Teekurray	27	do
Tadicomboo	26	do.
Lyempully	22	24
Nellecottay	25	Same
Ramghery	28½	higher but not altered in report.

Madura
11th October 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 190.

To The Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to the Boards Proceedings of the 20th Ultimo I have the honor to report that I have appointed Settampillay alias Murthoo Varappapillay & Baulo Iyer joint Managers of the Dindigul Devastanum in succession to Comarapapillay dismissed.

2. In this appointment I have been guided by the strongly expressed wishes of the Community & the circumstances of the above mentioned persons having been nominated to officiate during the suspension of Comarapapillay by Mr. Clarke.

Madura
12th October
1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 191.

To The Ag Secretary to the Board of Revue.

Sir, Fort St. George

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin I have the honor to forward Copy of the Decree of the Subordinate Judge in O.S. No. 98 of 1852 on the file of his Court passed in favor of Government.

Madura
13th October
1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 192.

Memorandum.

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Board's Memorandum of the 25th September 1855.

Madura
15th October 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

To The Ag. Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

4 Copies of the Selections from the Madras Govt. No. XIII General Report of the road Department.

4 Copies of Do. Do. No. XVI Memorandum on Salt

No. 193.

To The Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir, Fort St. George

In reply to your letter of the 8th Instant I have the honor to inform you that 16302 Quires of French Foolscap is the quantity estimated to be required for the use of the Huzoor & District Cutcherries in substitution for Country paper on an average of the expenditure of 3 years, according to a Memo sent with my letter to the Board on the 24th May last deducting the quantity required for certain Ordinary & Summatory Statements which it is proposed to prepare on paper of a more convenient size manufactured in the Country.

2 French Foolscap can be had at Madura

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wholesale at 2 Rs 6 as a ream I therefore anticipate a reduction in the expenditure for Sadervard of about Rs 1945 - 2 as -

Madura
17th October 1855

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collector

No. 194.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 14th May last I have the honor to state that I have had no reason to suspect any considerable errors in the Census except in the Towns of Madura & Paramagoody in which it is generally supposed that the numbers obtained were less than the truth, owing to the great dislike of respectable Hindoos to mention the numbers of their families. The Population of Madura was returned at 41,910: which considering the size of the Town seems incredibly small. It used to be roundly estimated at 60,000 which was probably above the reality as the Streets are very wide. Paramagoody is entered at only 6962.

Madura
19th October 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 195.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 13th Novr last, I have the honor to intimate the despatch by this days Banghy of the 2d Volume of the permanent Settlement of the Districts of Madura & Dindigul made by Mr Hurdis received with the Board's Proceedings of the 15th February last, a transcript of the same having been taken for my records.

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collector

Madura
22d October
1855.

No. 196

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your Circular No. 2632 dated 9th Octr 1855 I have the honor to state that not less than 2 Sets of Scales &c. will be required for each of the Salt Depots in this District which are 17 in Number. The number of Sets requisite is therefore 34.

2 We have no facilities for making them up in Madura

3 I construe the above Circular to render a reply to No. 2325 unnecessary.

4 The Board are probably prepared for a larger wastage under the new System. As Salt will be purchased moist & sold dry, the weight when sold will of course be considerably less. The decrease it is supposed will be greater than takes place in measuring the same salt when wet & when dry.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
22d October 1855

No. 197

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to address the Board on a subject in which they may think that they at present have no power of interference, but may deem fit for the consideration of Mr. Stokes.

2 It is the unsatisfactory position in which the holders of Enam Villages stand towards their Ryots & towards the Sircar.

3. Notwithstanding the opinion given by the Government Pleader in regard to the recovery of arrears which affirms the doctrine that the Ryots in Government Talooks have the same relation to the Government that the Zemindars have, I think

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that the Board will consider, that according to the correct theory the Ryots of the Government lands and those in Zemindaries & Enam Villages have exactly the same rights, the Zemindars Enamdars standing in loco Government as recipients of the land tax - If such be the Case, the Ryots in Enam Villages have reason to expect that their Tanks shall be repaired in like manner as in Government Villages -

4. Constant Complaints reach me that this duty is neglected by the Enamdars - Some few years ago, the Collector would have redressed the grievance by keeping the Village under Zuft till he had repaired the Tanks from the yearly income - but the power to do this stood on no legal basis, & would in the present day be resisted.

5. I will mention an instance to shew how requisite it is that some law should be passed on the subject - The Village of Veraganoor, near Madura is held as Enam on a Quit Rent by several needy extravagant Mussulmen - For many months I have never passed it without being besieged by the Ryots complaining that they were being reduced to indigence by the Tank not being cleared out, and a few days ago had an opportunity of seeing the truth of the assertion. I was walking with Captain Horsley shortly after a fresh had been received in the Vigay River, and we were surprised to observe that whilst in the higher of two parallel channels water was running with great rapidity, in the lower there was no current - The latter supplied this Veraganoor Tank when we came to which we found that owing to the filling up of the bed, the water in it, though not enough for a fortnight was quite as high as that at the Channel head, from which, of course, therefore no water could flow.

6. It seems to me very desirable that it should be made competent to the Collector under such circumstances to issue an injunction to the Owner to repair the Tank, &

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in default to Zufti till it may have been repaired from the Income.

7. The second point is the difficulty of dealing with all the sharers in an Enam Village. It is not necessary to exhibit proof of a circumstance which is well known to all Revenue Officers and I would propose as a remedy that when the Government Teerwa of a Village is enjoyed by several persons, they should be called upon to elect a Manager for the purpose of transacting business with the Revenue Officer.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
25 October 1855

No. 198.

To
The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revl.
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board Copy of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Subordinate Court dated the 11th October 1855 in Pauper Suit No. 51[x] of 1854 excluding me from all liabilities connected with the Suit.

"To Bd. 25th March/54
From Do. 25 April."

[x] Not No. 6 of 1853

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
24th October 1855

No. 199.

To
The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revl.
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board of Revenue Copy of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Subordinate Court of Madura dated the 11th October 1855 in O.S. No. 59 of 1854 dismissing with Costs the suit brought to procure an injunction to me & other Defendants to allow a piece of Garden land annually yielding Rs. 17 to remain waste & available for the use of a thrashing floor.

To Bd. 16th Nov. 1854
From Do. 18th Decr.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura 24 Octr. 1855.

No. 200 195

To The Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor now to furnish as far as is in my power the report regarding the Settlement of the Grass tax called for in the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of Government of the 11th October 1853.

3rd Pr. dated 24 Octr. 1853.

2 In explanation of the delay I beg to remind the Board that the Talooks in which this Tax subsist, are in the Sub Division, which being superintended by so competent an Officer as Mr. Clarke, I in the usual course awaited his report, before expressing my own sentiments. It has, however been furnished neither by him nor by Mr. Child who acted for him, while officiating as Judge of Madura, and the Board being desirous of receiving it without further delay, I have taken the opportunity of the Sub Division Cutcherry being at Madura to make enquiries & now submit the result.

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3. The points mooted by the Government are first whether when Ryots take up land at the Octum & leave it waste apparently for grazing, it is expedient to levy only 1/4th or the full assessment and secondly, on what terms persons engaged in the carrying trade should be allowed to hold lands for grazing.

4. A Statement of the Ayacut & Cultivation in the Talooks in which the Grass tax is levied will be most useful in the consideration of the above questions. Such a one is accordingly enclosed. I beg also to accompany it by a Copy of the Rules, already on the Records of the Board, but which may not be at hand.

5. It will be seen that the area of Tadicombo Pyempully & Ramghery comprizes no less, than 562,916 Cawnies of which in Fusly 1263 only Caw. 1,29,123-7½ were cultivated. Of the remainder Caw. 209970-4¾ are considered fit for pasture of which Caw. 24,995 only paid a grass tax. It seems evident, therefore that, on the whole, the allotment of lands on a lower tax for grazing cannot stand in the way of cultivation.

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What is required for the extension of the latter is a larger popula-
tion - Till this grows up, there seems to be no alternative
but for Government to forego revenue from the waste lands alto-
-gether or to obtain something in the shape of a Grass tax -
6. Notwithstanding however the great extent of waste
land, it does happen that in some localities Ryots desirous
of obtaining particular spots for Cultivation are kept out of
them by others accustomed to use the same for grazing. This
may be the case in respect to land near the Village or near
other Cultivation. It is under such Circumstances that Ryots
have an inducement to engage for a larger extent for Cul-
tivation than they intend to till. To prevent such a prac-
tice the more correct proceeding would as observed by Govt.
be to require them to pay the full tax. At first however
the orders issued from the Huzoor Cutchery were insufficient
to induce the Ryots to confine their engagements within the
limit of their ability to Cultivate. The absence of a Dittum
and the indiscriminate remission for waste had been so long
the practice of the District, that the fact of responsibility
for the tax of all lands engaged for was not easily realized.
The Native public Servants did not, it seemed to me,
thoroughly comprehend it themselves, or endeavor to impress
it on the Villagers. As a temporary measure, therefore, & for
fear of trenching upon Capital such lands, as could not
with propriety be struck out as Cabooleyat Bunjer
were for one or two Fuslies assessed with the Grass tax -
The measure has not been repeated since Fusly 1261
Pains were taken to make the Ryots more fully ac-
-quainted with their liabilities and the proportion of waste
in Fuslies 1262 & 63 was not thought greater than might
be referred to ordinary Causes - On the understanding
that balances on account of uncultivated land which it may
be difficult to collect will be remitted, I think that to enter
for the full tax Cabooleyat Bunjer, which may appear to
have been taken at the Dittum ostensibly for Cultivation, but
with the real intention of using it as pasture very much
preferable

preferable to transferring it to the Head of Grass lands or the present tax - and this will continue to be the Course pursued unless otherwise ordered -

7. On the second point Vizt the occupation of lands for grazing by traders to the exclusion of persons requiring them for Cultivation, I must express myself with considerable diffidence owing to the want of the minute information which it was the duty of the Sub Collector to have supplied - From conversation with the Sub Division Sheristadar however I am led to suppose that Mr Clarke's Assertion that the influence of these traders renders it impossible for poorer Ryots offering to cultivate any part of the lands they have enclosed to obtain any footing in the Village, must not be taken in the literal Sense in which Government have understood it, though essentially correct - I could not learn from him that any offers made had actually been refused - The Rules provide otherwise and the influence of the traders is exerted more in intimidating the poorer Ryots from making offers in the proper mode, than in preventing their acceptance - Since Mr Clarke's remarks were written many enclosures, have I understand been abandoned & the obstacle to cultivation so far removed.

8. I am not inclined to recommend the adoption of the measures proposed by the Board of allowing traders to hold their present enclosures in Pattah at a lower rate of Assessment because many of them lie near Villages in convenient situations for Culture - The traders have ample means of procuring other waste for Grass by taking separate tracts on Dust Kheast or bids - and this is quite as much as the necessities of the Cattle trade seem to me to demand - For whatever land they require near the Village they can well afford to pay the terms levied from Ryots in general -

9. In his report on Fusly 1264 not yet submitted the Acting Sub Collector Mr Child objects to the grass tax without assigning any reasons, and Mr Walhouse found fault with it in Fusly 1262 because the Public Servants, he supposed sometimes entered waste lands against the names of Ryots without their knowledge, & because a grass tax however modified is a grievance unless the rule that waste should be

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first set a part for ploughing Cattle and Milch Cows is fully and fairly carried out, which had not he found, been done. These observations amount to a confession that the Sub Col-lectors had not taken care to see that the Talook & Village Officers observed the Rules Sanctioned by Government and cannot I think be accepted as good arguments against a grass tax in general. When owing to inferiority of soil or want of population a small portion only of a Country can be cultivated there can be no reason why the remainder should not be turned to account for grazing, nor why Government should obtain no revenue whatever for it, because it cannot pay at the full rate.

10. The real objection to a Grass tax, in my opinion, are the great difficulties in carrying it out and the insignificant amount of Revenue obtained in proportion to the trouble it entails owing to the great extent of waste watching on the part of Government Officers to prevent unauthorized pasturing is nearly impossible, and such, as I observed in Para 17 of my Jummabundy Report for Fusly 1261 is the "combination among the "Ryots that persons who have been accustomed to graze lands near their Cultivation will continue to enjoy them unopposed tho' they may refuse to offer for them." The consequence is that where in Fusly 1250 the tax produced more than 11,000 Rs in Ramagherry alone, it now yields only half though extended to Tandicombo and Syempully. In Ramagherry the quantity taken up in ¼ Teerwah is next to nothing. All the Revenue there collected for grass is from Tracts rented on offers which are very inadequate compared with the value of the pasture. It has been remarked both by the Sub Collector & myself that the Renters realize large profits by feeding the cattle of others.

11. This Ramagherry System however which has established itself from the advantage taken by the Ryots of circumstances to obtain their grass as cheaply as possible, appears to me on the whole to be preferable to a plan imported into this District from Coimbatore of allowing them to hold ⅕ of their farm in

Grass.

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grass or 1/4 Teerwa. Inadequate as is the population for the Cultivation of the whole land fit for the purpose in these large tracts of Country, yet it seems to me very desirable that our fiscal arrangements should as far as possible secure that the portion used as arable should be that which will yield the most profit, either from relative position or superiority of soil, and this object may be defeated by allowing the privilege of holding lands for grass on a lower assessment. If they will yield a greater profit under grass than under Cultivation the Government seems entitled to the full tax, & thus I recommend being exacted, whether they are held by traders or by ordinary Ryots. To enforce this rule it is necessary that the Dettum Bunger be scrutinized very closely and no portion permitted, that seems to exceed a fair allowance for adversity of season and other contingencies.

12. I would also suggest the continuance of the rule allotting lands free of tax for the ploughing Cattle & Milch Cows, and that the remainder be let out annually to the highest bidders in convenient lots.

13. Under these provisions a considerable proportion of the Villages will be exempted from the Grass tax as is practically the case now in Ramghery and there will be obstacles I know in realizing it in others, owing to the difficulty already mentioned of preserving from trespass the tracts set apart for rent, but, nevertheless I think it worth while to maintain the tax as a protection, if not a great contributor to the Government Revenue. It will compell the Talook Officers to keep an eye on the proceedings of the graziers, and they will be prepared therefore to put in force the rules laid down to prevent grazing taking altogether the place of agriculture. That precautions against this are by no means unnecessary the Government will have concluded from the observations of Mr. Clarke which gave occasion to one of the questions now answered, and when I mention that only two days ago a Gentleman stated in my presence that a single Ceylon Coffee planter had commissioned him to obtain 100 pairs of Bullocks, & that every year large purchases are made for the market of that Island, they will be convinced that a time may arrive when the profits of grazing

grazing may offer very strong incentives to the appropriation of land for that purpose to the exclusion of agriculture & when, therefore, it may be proper to treat both alike in point of taxation. I hope that in the course of time, the rents of the reserved tracts may rise considerably by competition, and that lands, to a moderate extent near Villages if appropriated for Cattle may pay the full teerwa without involving any hardship to the Ryots. The plan I have proposed will adjust itself to this state of things without requiring any modification.

14. Since the above was written I have received some Proceedings of the Board & Government regarding Poolary which I have not had time to read through — but which, as far as I could discover by a cursory glance does not contain anything very adverse to the views expressed above. As therefore this report has been long due I will not detain it but furnish any further information that may be required as soon as it is in my power.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
25th October 1855

No 201

To The Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

On the day after the despatch of my Report of the 11th instant, very heavy rain fell at Madura and throughout the District generally. It rained also on a few days immediately subsequent, & altho' the weather has been since for a week past quite fair, the reports from the Talooks are very favorable. A small fresh occurred in the Vigay on the 12th and a fuller one again on the 15th, which afforded a supply to all the Tanks fed therefrom. The River is fast drying up again.

2 The price of Paddy is in Madracolum 20 Measures per Rupee

Madura
26th Octr 1855

Terrumungalum	21½
Meylore	24.
Trukunny	27.
Dindigul	26.
Palany	21
Nilacottah	24

3 On comparison with the last report prices will be seen to have risen.

Madura }
26th October 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 202

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. The Markets of Madura and Trichinopoly are almost entirely dependent for timber on the forests in the Cumbum or Dindigul Valley, and I feel considerable apprehension, that, unless measures are taken not only to prevent indiscriminate felling, but also to plant, the supply will fail. At present the only conservative measure, which it has been possible to take, is to order that a permission Certificate shall be obtained before Cutting is allowed. This is illusory for the purpose of preservation & objectionable as throwing a Monopoly in the hands of a few individuals, who having obtained possession of the document exceed its limits without fear of detection.

2. The steps which I would recommend are, first the appointment of a competent Officer to explore the Forests and report upon their Contents, and afterwards the employment of a Conservative Establishment for those portions of them which seem worth the expense.

3. That there is fine teak & other timbers of value on the Hills toward the bottom of the Valley is quite certain. Mr Clarke also in his report on the Pulney Hills stated that they contained fine timber, but it is doubtful whether he included under that name only the Species to which it more properly belongs on the whole range as he never answered the letter which I wrote to him on the subject. There seems to be abundance also in Warranaud belonging to Goontanaraiknoor, but these, which are very feverish, have been rarely entered and being in a Zemindary are not the property of Government.

4 If the Board think proper I shall be much obliged by a Copy of the Rules relative to the conservation of the Canara and Annamullay forests.

Madura }
26th October 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 203.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1 I have the honor to submit translation of an Urzee from the Tahsildar of Tinkurray and to state that as a heavy loss to Govt. may be the consequence of the Cultivation not being at once measured I have authorized him to employ 6 persons for the purpose on a Monthly pay of 2 Rs. each and trust that it may be sanctioned as a Contingent charge pending the decision of Government on the propositions contained in my letter of the 11th Instant. The Maniem attached to the Office of Tandalgars & Toties is so small, that it would be impossible to get the duty done, by turning out the recusants and putting in others, without assigning some other remuneration.

2. The Establishment in general of the Tinkurray Talook and one or two others is so very inadequate to their improved condition that I am persuaded that Govt. is a great loser by concealed Cultivation every year, and feel it my duty to renew the application for additions made some years ago, and I would solicit instructions whether I can submit the same with that for an Establishment for the Pulney Hills or whether the Board would prefer its coming before them separately.

3. I beg also to take this opportunity to bring to their notice that none of the Public Bungalows in this District are provided with Sweepers, and that in some localities, especially in Zemindary it is very difficult to have them cleaned by Village Toties. I shall be glad to be informed whether the Board will entertain an application for their appointment, and what is the usual rate in other Districts.

Madura }
26th October 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 204.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir, I have the honor to report that there is no Return of

Person

"Persons convicted & confined" and tried either by me or my subordinates under Regulation IX of 1822 for the Month of September 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
29th October 1855

No. 205.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th Instant and its enclosures, and to state that in the accounts particular No. 2 the average rate of 2.2.0 per Quire was by oversight entered instead of 2.2.02 and in the Accounts particular No. 6 annas 8 and pies 3 per each gunny piece was entered instead of annas 9 and Cents 47. Both these Accounts particular have now been duly altered to correspond with the totals thereof and are herewith returned.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
29th October 1855

No. 206.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir, Under the resolution of Government dated the 21st July 1855, the increased allowance of 175 Rs. per Mensem was paid to Mr. J. R. Cockerell while only Acting Head Assistt. He has since been confirmed in that appointment and not having been 6 years in India & 3 years in the Revenue line is under the Rules contained in Page 207 Vol. 1 C. O. Board Revenue & Page 85 of the Civil Service Rules entitled only to 6700 Rs. per Annum or 558. 5. 4 per Mensem. I have the honor to request to be informed whether I am right in supposing the Rules above cited to be virtually rescinded by the order of Government of the 21st July last, and authorized therefore to pass to Mr. Cockerell, a salary of 733-5-4 per Mensem.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
5th Novr. 1855

No. 207. Settlement Report.

No. 208

To The Actg. Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Official Memorandum

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Books forwarded with the Board's Memorandum of the 26 October 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Vols. 4 1 Set of the Gazette referred to in the Board's Circular dated 4 Septr. 1855

Madura 7th Novr. 1855.

No. 209.

To The Actg Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In the principal Division rain is now much required. There has been only one Moderate fall since my last Report. The River below the Anicuts is dry or very nearly so, and the supply in the Tanks is considerably reduced. The Crops as yet, however look in general pretty well and if the promise of rain which the appearance of the Sky now affords be not disappointed, the above part of the District will not suffer.

2 In Sheraganugah & Ramnad the supply of water hitherto has been very deficient.

3 The Acting Sub Collector reports favorably of his Division except Raughery, the most northerly Talook.

4 Prices remain as stated in my last report and are very high. This is owing to the considerable exportation to Ceylon & Tinnevelly which sends its Grain to Travancore & Ceylon.

Madura
10th Novr. 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 210.

To The Actg Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that there are no Returns for the following Statements during last month.

Salt Confiscated
Goods &c.
Return of Imports or Exports of Bullion at the Sea Ports

Madura
10 Novr. 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 211.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revl.

Sir, Fort St. George

Sugar Cane Cultivation in the Madura District is small in extent and almost entirely confined to the Sub Division. Before answering the Board's Circular of the 25th June last No. 1597 I have waited for a report from the Acting Sub Collector. This, however has not yet been afforded, and the present Acting Sub Collector is not only entirely new to the District but has obtained leave of absence. I therefore beg to answer the Board's questions, to the best of my ability without further delay.

2 In the Sub Division to which as I have already stated the Cultivation of Sugar Cane is almost entirely confined no extra Teerwa is exacted for a second Crop. Nevertheless the Cultivation of this product has never exceeded 200 Cawnies. I do not at all ascribe its absence in the Principal Division to the half teerwa on the second Crop, but to the soil being uncongenial and the want of Wells to continue the supply of water when the Tanks have dried up. The product occupies the ground for 10 Months, & except in a Well Country can therefore be Cultivated only under large Tanks & on land which would certainly produce 2 Crops of rice. I see no reason therefore whatever to exempt it from Fusul Justee where this tax exists. Rice is an article of larger Export to England, & other Countries & it would be bad policy in my opinion to foster by bounties the Cultivation of other products in lieu of it.

Madura
12th Novr. 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 212.

To The Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Board the accompanying translation of an Urzee by Mr. Fischer requesting the Continuance to him of lands in Yellamanoor and Cullekoody formerly granted as Enam for the support of a Water Pandal & Chuttrum about 1 Mile

East of Madura on the Ramnad Road as well as of the report of Meylore Tahsildar thereon.

2 The Enam in Yellamanoor, Meylore Talook, granted for the water Pandal, consist of 2 $\frac{6\frac{1}{4}}{16}$ Cawnies Nunjah and was resumed in consequence of an order of the Collector dated 25th March 1840, but has not been included in Ayn. This I would recommend being made over to Mr. Fischer on condition of maintaining the water Pandal. The sum of Rs. 20 & 14 as. which has accrued for the yearly income I would suggest being carried to the Government account as Sery Inumah. The other Enam, in the Village of Colekoody in the Meylore Talook, assessed at 60 Rs., which was granted for the support of the Chuttrum, and has been resumed & incorporated in the Govt. land since 1836 by order of Government, should I think, so remain. The Building which is in good preservation is situated very near the houses of the European residents, where it is not desirable that there should be a concourse of people, which might include among their numbers many real thieves under the guise of pilgrims. Moreover there is no lack of Choultries in Madura, so that I could not recommend a fresh grant, which this would be, the land being now Ayn land.

3. Mr. Fischer I believe purchased the buildings from the daughter of Subbah Naik. It may be a question whether as they were intended for Charity she had a right to sell, and whether on the contrary they are not the property of Government under Regn. VII of 1817. Mr. Fischer will keep them in repair & allow travellers the use of them, I am not desirous, therefore, to press this point.

Madura
13th Novr. 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 213 to the Court of Wards.

No. 214.

To The Ag. Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the under mentioned printed forms advised in your letter of the 20 Octr. 1855

Madura
14 Novr. 1855

Price Current 40.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 215 to the Court of Wards. 104 207

No. 216.

To The Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir, Fort St. George

With reference to the Order of Govt. dated the 10th
Bd. Pro. 2489 25 Octr. 1855. Septr. last No. 1055 I have the honor to state that the late
Zemindar of Erachakanaikanoor died at the commencement
of Fusly 1263, and that the Renter in whose hands the Board
is aware that the Estate was left, had since paid the Govt.
D Peshcush & given Security for the Balance of Rent. The
amount of the former is 2061-15-0 and of the latter 3461-15-8
The difference due up to the end of Fusly 1264 is therefore
2000. The Renter however produced 6 receipts from the late
Zemindar for sums advanced amounting in the aggregate to 2582-10-10
as noted in the Margin, & their genuineness is established not
only by the signature of the late Zemindar but also by Counterparts of all
but one No. 6 found among her papers. Taking all circumstances
into consideration I would recommend admission
of the claim although the payment in advance does not I
think legally bar the demand for Peshcush as it becomes
due, on the part of a successor by Escheat.

amount	dates
1 - 7646-5-6	6 Thie Panthabee 17 Aug. /53
2 800-..-..	16 Do Do 27 Do
3 12-..-..	9 Manse Do 18 Feby /53
4 206-2-..	8 Chittray Peraumitheatutch 10 April 1855
5 15-..-..	9 Visial Do 20 May 1853
6 903-3-4	17 Anna Do 29 June 1853
9582-10-10 of which Deduct	
7000 as paid for rent for 5 Fuslies from F. 1258 upto 62 at Rs. 1400 per annum.	
2582-10-10	Balance

2 The Renter Chockalingumpillay died on the 10th
Instant, and is succeeded in his property including the Rent by
his Son Jeevanandam Pillay to whom the remission, if allowed,
will be made.

Madura
19th Novr. 1855

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collector

No. 217.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revl.
Sir, Fort St. George

D In reply to your Circular of the 6th Instant No. 2960,
I have the honor to state that the causes of delay in payment
of

of pensions being sickness and absence on leave, which are contingen:
:cies which it is impossible to prevent. I do not think their
monthly regular payment can be ensured. I do not see how:
:ever that a Monthly Audit is therefore precluded. A memo:
:randum explanatory of now, or excess payment might be sent
up to the Civil Auditor with the statements.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
19th Novr. 1855

No. 218

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir, In reply to the Boards Circular No. 2544 dated 1st Ultimo, relative to instalments of the public Revenue I have the honor to state, that as they exist at present in the Madura District, they do not appear to take money from the Ryots before they have reaped & disposed of some portion of their grain.

2 The first Poonjah harvest takes place in October. The first Poonjah Instalment of 1/8th is in November. An instalment of 1/8 is also taken in Novr. for Garden and Nunjah incl Poonjah before which time some crop or other has been reaped. The Adee Koday Nunjah Crop, is reaped at the end of July & August and the first instalment for the same is in Novr. and Amounts to 1/4th. The principal or Kalum Crop is reaped in January and February and pays its first kist of 1/4 in March. The practice of detaining Crops in the field till the kist is paid does not obtain in this District. I should be sorry to change the Madura kists, because being ever of long standing, they are well known to the Ryots, who have never complained of them. On special occasions, when there has been a drought, particular Villages who have suffered most make a request for a postponement which for sufficient reasons I grant.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
19th November
1855

No. 219 to the Court of Wards

No. 220

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,
1 In replying to the Boards' Circular No. 2510, dated 28th
Sept.

September last, relative to the application to this District of the Water Rate established temporarily in N. Arcot I have the honor to submit a short statement which will shew that the effect would be to increase considerably the assessment of newly converted land in the Madura District.

2. For one Crop Paddy the average Teerwa Jastee is in Madura Rs 2 - as 15 - in Dindigul 2 - 7 - 10.

3. For a Second Crop the Teerwa Jastee would in Madura be only 2 - 15/2 - in Dindigul nothing as the tax is considered to be consolidated.

4. Plantains in this District pay the same as single Crop Nunjah only - and Sugar Cane 1½ in Madura, & the consolidated teerwa in Dindigul.

5. For Nunjah Meel Poonjah the change would as regards Madura be a slight alleviation - but an increase in Dindigul.

6. Such being the case I should deprecate the introduction of the system into Madura with the North Arcot rates.

7. As regards the Principle of the measure I beg to state that in the Madura Division the Poonjah is divided into Turums or Classes and that each of these has a corresponding Nunjah tax, so that the adjustment of the increase when the land is converted is a simple operation. Provided however the rate were lowered to 2½ for a single Crop Nunjah & 1¼ for a single Crop Nunjah Meel Poonjah, and one half of each for a second Crop I should prefer the system of a Water Rate, because the present one is less simple & affords Curnums an opportunity of fraud. Plantain should be treated as a single Crop & Sugar Cane & Betel charged 1½ Rate only.

8. The above observation applies to Madura only. In the Dindigul Division there is no classification of land, & when Poonjah is converted to Nunjah, the tax is determined with reference to the rates obtaining in the neighbourhood, often a very bad criterion of the Capability of the land inasmuch as there may be a great difference in the quality of the soil & supply of water within a very short space. We reserve to ourselves the right to consider all other Circumstances, which bear on the profitableness of the land, but how difficult it is

to obtain a knowledge of such facts from Native reports. The operation too is a very tedious one, and a season is often lost while the matter is under discussion - In Dindigul therefore the substitution of the water rates system would be a great improvement, but it would be necessary to lower the rate to that specified in Para 7 for a single crop & to exact none whatever for a second -

9 For Nunjah and Poonjah I should much prefer the water rate, if lowered to 1/4 Rupee the Cawney for the single crop & 1 4/16 the two crops in Madura & 1/4 consolidated in Dindigul.

10 In support of my objection to an equal charge for a second crop I beg to state that this District the Koday or Extra (2d) Crop is generally considerably inferior to the Main (Kalum) Crop.

11 Of Rules 5. 6 & 7 I fully approve the rate being altered to 2/4 Rupee -

(Signed) R D Parker
Collr

Madura
21st Novr 1855}

No 221.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir, With reference to your letter of the 10th Ultimo No. 2735 I have the honor to furnish you with a fresh statement of Contingent charges for the Quarter ending 31st July 1855 as therein requested.

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

Madura
21st Novr 1855}

No 222.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir, I have the honor to request sanction for the supply of the paper required for the preparation of Village Accounts according to the new forms. The Cost for all the Ayan Villages is estimated at 700 Rs but 357 Rs will probably suffice for the number of Villages in which the change will be introduced in the present Fusly.

(Signed) R D Parker
Collr

Madura
24 Novr 1855}

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No 223 to the Court of Wards. 106 41

No 224.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,
My last report on the Season was dated the 10th Instant. Since then there has been no rain, but in lieu brought clear & cool weather such as might be expected in January. There is still a supply of water in some Tanks, but it is being rapidly exhausted by evaporation as well expenditure on irrigation. Great anxiety is felt for the fate of Nunjah Crops and Poonjah Crops generally are languishing. To the end of October there was on the whole an increase in Cultivation over the corresponding Account of last year, but what is unreaped is in jeopardy. The Poonjah Crops hitherto harvested have yielded indifferently.

2 The Price of rice last week was 10½ the Madras Measure which is very high, but yesterday it rose to 1 Rupee for 8½ Measures & applications have been made to me to prevent exportation and interfere with the Market in other ways to all which I have of course refused to accede.

3 No general Complaints of unhealthiness have yet been made, but I hear of fever prevailing in parts of the District.

4. I regret to say that since the above was written, some Shops and a Market situated in the Eastern part of the Town have been plundered of grain. I was first aware of a disturbance by hearing the noise of a Number of persons passing my Cutcherry which is near the Pagoda in the Centre. On learning the Cause, I immediately sent all the Peons at hand to the Spot & having taken measures to collect all the available Peons on my own & the Judicial Establishment, & written to the Commanding Officer for the Services of his Detachment, I proceeded to the spot. In the way I met the Police Ameen who told me that about 100 Cullums of grain had been robbed from the Market, but that

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he had restored order & Captured 2 Prisoners. I therefore returned to the Cutcherry for the purpose of countermanding the detachment, but had no sooner arrived that persons came running in to say that a mob of Weavers had returned & were looting shops. As I was starting again Lieutenant Boardman & his Detachment came up & we proceeded together to the scene of plunder. On our approach, the Rioters endeavored to make their escape from the shops, but the Peons succeeded in Capturing 23. The Sepoys did not use their arms, but their presence was of essential service to intimidate the Rioters who were too numerous to yield to the Police alone. and I deem it my duty to mention the great rapidity with which Lieut. Boardman came to my aid on the receipt only of a private note which I despatched previously to forwarding an official letter.

5 I am preparing a Proclamation to explain to the people how such disturbances & all interference with the Grain Market defeat their end, & raise the price of grain still higher by deterring sellers from bringing it into the Town.

6. Military Guards in aid of the Police have been placed about the Town and I do not apprehend a renewal of the disturbance which was not of the serious Character of ^those which occurred last year in Trichinopoly. I am unable to state at present what quantity of grain is said to have been stolen.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
26th Novr. 1855

No. 225 to the Court of Wards.

No. 226.

To The Acg Secretary to the Board of Revl.
Fort St George

Memorandum

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Book forwarded with the Board's

Memorandum

Memorandum of the 16th November 1855. 187 213

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collector

1 Copy of Proceedings relative to the resumption of certain Village & lands held by the late Anojee Narsem & claimed as hereditary Enams by his son Konchee Row Anajee.

Madura
26th Nov. 1855

No. 227.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 10th Feby 1854 No. 17 to the Court of Wards, I have the honor to state that the same thing has occurred in regard to a Goorookul Enam, paying a Quit Rent to Government, in the Meylore Talook. It was granted before the British acquisition of the Country by the Nuttum Zemindar to his Gooroo, from whom, one Nagalwadhany states he obtained a portion in gift, which is now in his possession. The Gooroos descendants, who possesses the remainder, & pays the Quit rent for the whole, which has been continued in his name, claims the portion alienated, & asserts that Nagalwadhany's ancestors was the Gooroos Cook & obtained possession of a portion in lieu of his wages. The portion alienated is included in the Goorookul Enam in the Fysul Accounts

2 As there has been very long possession I am unable to make the land over to the Goorookul as Magistrate, & wish to be instructed by the Board whether I ought to do so as Collector.

Madura
26th Nov. 1855

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collr.

No. 228.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that there are no Returns

of "Persons convicted & confined" and of "Persons charged with offences" and tried either by me or my subordinates under Regulation IX of 1822 for the month of October 1855.

Madura
30th Nov. 1855 } (Signed) R.D. Parker
Collr.

No. 229.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Memorandum.

The Collector begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned Book forwarded with the Board's Official Memorandum of the 20 Nov. 1855

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collr.

1 Copy of A Glossary of Judicial & Revenue Terms.

Madura
30th Nov. 1855 }

No. 230.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 1st Ultimo I have the honor to state that the Memorandum prepared by Mr. Bayley & sent for verification regarding land measures contains a few errors & omissions. I beg therefore to submit a revised Statement & in reference to Note 2 annexed to Para 1 thereof to request sanction to adopt the Goly of 160 2 feet in Calculation as well as in actual measurement in the Madura Division.

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
6th Decr 1855 }

No. 231.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir, I have the honor to transmit the Statement of the details of the Cost of Salt called for in the Board's Circular of the 27th July last.

2 The memo appended of the Cost of conveying it to the sea shore will create surprise from the disproportion between the charge & the distance, but the calculation has been framed

by the Salt Amildar, long resident on the Coast, on a con-
-sideration of the soil to be passed over. The Pans of this District are situated very differently from those from which an Export by Sea has been usual, & shipments will be effected with great difficulty.

3. It appears to me that if exportation by Sea takes place in this District, smuggling can only be prevented by the conveyance of the Sea shore and shipment being undertaken by Government. The Pans are most of them situated at a distance from the Sea Ports on an open unguarded Coast and both while traversing the Country between the Pans & the shore and afterwards when under conveyance by boats over a long extent of shallow water to the Vessel, it would seem easy to evade the observation of the small Establishment employed and to carry the Salt inland.

4. If it were deemed desirable to promote expor-
-tation from Madura I would propose to Establish Depots near Shipping Ports, when the Boat Note alluded to by the Government would afford a con-
-siderable check, as there would be Sea Custom as well as Salt Peons to watch against smuggling. I am afraid however that when export by Sea is carried on in small Dhonies which alone can ap-
-proach near the Madura Coast, there will be no sufficient safeguard against the Salt being relanded on some part of the open shore.

5. No Exportation by Sea having yet taken place from this District Question 6 is not answered.

Madura
6th December 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 232

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revl.
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that there are

no returns for the following Statements during the month of November 1855.
Salt Confiscated
Goods do.
Return of Imports or Exports of Bullion at the Sea Ports

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
8th December 1855

No. 233. to the Court of Wars

No. 234.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

Since the date of my last Report, the season has (× 26th Nov. 1855) much improved. Heavy rain commenced on the night of the 1st December & continued with little intermission till the morning of the 3rd December. The Guages in the Hoozoor Cutchery then gave 5 Inches as the quantity which had fallen. Subsequently there have been a few slight showers. On the 2nd December there was a fresh in the River Vigay which on the 3rd was full from bank to bank, but very little water now remains.

2 From the Talook reports it appears that the rain was general throughout the District, but less copious in the Northern than in the other Sections. The greater part both of the river & rain fed Tanks have received a sufficient supply to bring the Crops under them to maturity, but there are some exceptions.

3. Some dry Crops, but not to any considerable extent, have perished. Others have been reaped, and yielded about half of an average produce. What remain are looking well.

4. To the end of October the Cultivation was in excess of the year preceding.

5 There has been no renewal of the disturbance reported in my letter of the 26th November, & prices are now the same as before the time when the state of the season became alarming.

6. The Price of Paddy or rice in the husk is.
In Madura . . . . . 21½ heaped Madras measures per Rupee
In Dindigul . . . . 22½ do.

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The price of cleaned Rice is about double the above.

Madura
10th December 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker Collector.

No. 235.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 22nd August last No. 155 and the Board's Proceedings of the 15th October No. 2711, I have the honor to state that I have ascertained that the Topes in question were planted by the Nuttum Zemindar on whose death in the year 1799 they together with his Zemindary escheated to the Government. They are therefore the property of Government, and can I think be rented out for a term of years without any opposition to the views set forth in the Minutes of Consultation of the 31st May 1855. Were the Topes small, it might perhaps, be more in accordance with those views to make them over to the Village authorities on a promise to maintain them, but constituting a valuable property yielding from 800 to 1000 Rupees per Annum, it appears to me that their preservation and the interests of Government will be best provided for by the Measures I propose.

Madura
10th December 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker Collr.

No. 236.

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of Government under date the 6th Decr. 1855, I have the honor to state, that on reference to the Records it appears that the order of Govt. dated the 27th Decr. 1853 was duly circulated to the Sea Ports in this District, & that no duty on grain imported by sea was collected till last month, when it was demanded (the collection has not been reported to me) on a Cargo from Karikal. I have again

called

called attention to the order, which had escaped recollection from the circumstance of an import of grain being of extremely rare occurrence in this District.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

Madura
10th Decr. 1855

No. 237

To
The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that there are no Returns of "Persons convicted & confined" & of "Persons charged with offences" and tried either by me or my subordinates under Regulation IX of 1822 for the month of November 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
12th December
1855

No. 238

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to return Petition No. 3175 of 1855 and to point out that the Contents entirely relate to the native State of Poodoocottah.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
14th December 1855

No. 239 To The Court of Wards

No. 240

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith an advertisement for publication in the Board's Office and to observe that the land entered therein is proposed to be sold for arrears of Revenue due by the parties

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for Fusly 1264 to amount of Rs 4-13-11. The lands of the Village of Angadymungalam are of very low value, and the extents entered for sale are single Stulls which it would be inexpedient to subdivide.

I have &c.

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 241

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George

25th Septr 1855 No. 2491

Sir

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue noted in the margin I have the honor to submit a tabular statement for the proposed additional Establishment on the Palany Hills.

The Board will observe one additional Curnum who is required for the circle of Villages called Yellomalai since the Sub Collector's letter was written two additional Villages have accrued to this Circle from the Coimbatore District by a settlement of a boundary dispute making the total number eight. Previously one Curnum would have transacted the duties of the Circle with great difficulty, and now, as the additional Villages are at some distance the task would be, I think, impossible.

Madura 18th December 1855
Despatched 21st Do.

I have &c.

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 242

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge

the receipt of your letter of the 27th Ultemo No. 3089 respecting Price Lists.

Those prepared in this District are not open in any considerable degree to the objections enumerated in Para 6th of the Minutes of Consultation of Government of the 11th June last. The Puddy or measure in which they are expressed is the Madras measure struck. The prices are those of the past month, and such as prevail in the Towns of Dindigul Madura & Ramnad which I think a more reliable criterion of the average price of the District, than one struck from returns from a great many different places selected without discrimination as another objection set forth in the Proceedings of Government is thereby obviated viz. "The quantities sold at the different prices not being considered." D

Madura	Dindigul	Ramnad	Shevagengah
Madura 1	Dindigul 1	Ramnad 1	Shevagengah 1
Tiroomungalam 1	Palany 1	Paramagoody 1	Eliangoody 1
Maylore 1	Manaparay 1	Camoody 1	Tiroopatoor 1
Kuttam 1	Tovaroncoorichy 1	Keelakaray 1	Tondy 1
Tenkaray 1	Cummivody 1	4	4
Coottampaliam 1	5		
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I note in the margin the names of the Towns in the marked Divisions of the Madura District at which according to the desire expressed in Para 3 of your letter I would propose that Prices should hereafter be registered. 2.

Public weekly Markets are already held in 69 places in this District and are much liked by the Inhabitants. From time to time I receive applications

applications for their establishment in fresh places, 21
to which of course I willingly acceded. Moreover at
the Town of Madura there are three Government & one pri-
-vate market place where grain and other provisions are
brought for sale daily. They are a great convenience
to the people besides yielding a considerable revenue
which is applied to cleansing draining & gravelling
the streets of the Town.

I annex a list of the grains to be entered
in the price lists, with a column shewing the estimated
proportion of the Collection of each.

Madura
27 December
1855

I have &ca.
(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 243

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George.

Sir, My last report of the 10th Instant inform-
-ed the Board of a favourable change in the season.
No rain has since fallen, & though the wet crops look
healthy and the tanks in several are tolerably well
supplied, a few additional showers are much
needed to wash the leaf of the plant, which is
backward for the time of year. Some rain fed
tanks also require replenishing.

There is an increase on the whole in
the breadth of cultivation.

With exception of fever in some places

the District is healthy - In Rangherry the cattle are suffering from disease

Prices remain high but not Exhorbitant -

Madura }
24th December 1855 }

I have &c.
(Signed) R D Parker
Collector -

No. 244

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George -

Sir,

1 In reference to the Minutes of Consultation of Government dated the 26th November last, received by me on the 17th Instant with the Boards Proceedings of the 8th Instant, I have the honor to express an opinion in favour of the transfer, to the District of Trichinopoly of the greater part of the Talook, formerly called Marungapoory since 1846 Ramgherry -

2 From the transfer I would wish to except the Zamindary of Marungapoory, which containing 100 Villages, is in the hands of its Proprietor, and pays a Peshcush of 20,576-10-10 to Government - It occupies the southern portion of the Talook, and is situated near the high road from Trichinopoly to Madura, its Cusbah being not more than 43 miles from the latter. Although therefore it is 9 miles nearer to Trichinopoly, its inhabitants cannot be said to suffer any material inconvenience from being under the Court of Madura -

3 Including Marungapoory Zamindary the Ramgherry Talook contains 735½ square miles and it stretches up almost to Caroor in the Coim

Coimbatore District - Inspection of the Map will shew that its extreme length from Cusbah Marun-gapoory to the Coimbatore frontier is very great. The main object however of my desire to retain the Marungapoory Zamindary in Madura, is, that together with the Nuthum Division of Villages, now included in Meylore, it may form a fresh Talook with Cotampatty on the Madras Road for its Cusbah.

4 The present area of Meylore is 617½ square miles. Its Revenue according to the settlement of F. 1264 - 200,306-9-6 - The size of the Talook has been found inconveniently large. Nuthum did not anciently belong to it, but is a Zamindary which escheated in the early part of the Company's Government, and the general Rules of its taxation resemble those of the Dindigul Division, to which with the Marungapoory Zamindary I would propose to transfer it. I would also recommend the transfer of 6 Villages of which Cosacoorchy is the chief, received from Trichinopoly in 1814.

The Revenue of the 37 Nuthum Villages is	69318 — 3 — 9
——— of Cosacoorchy	8886 — 11 — 10
Add Marungapoory Peshcush	20,576 — 10 — 10
Total	98,771 — 10 — 5

5. Nuthum is situated very conveniently as regards Dindigul, being distant from it 21 miles and communicating by means of one of the principal Roads of the District No. 13 - From the remainder of the Meylore Talook, it is divided for the most part by a range of Hills.

I have no means of stating its area separately from Meylore—

6 Nuthum and Cosacoorchy being subtracted, the Revenue of Maylore, according to the Settlement of Fusly 1264 including Peshcush would be 1,24,285.5.7—

7 Any recommendations for establishments to these proposed Talooks would render this letter too long. They could be submitted hereafter together with some suggestions which I feel it necessary to make for an augmentation of the Moyenzatietah of some other Talooks the Revenue and Police of which have outgrown the means originally fixed for their management. It need only be here mentioned that the arrangement would be followed by an increase of expense though the Salary of the Meylore Tahsildar might be reduced from Rs 120 to 100 Rupees per mensem—

8 Should the Board deem it their duty to decline to support my proposition for creating a fresh Talook out of Nuthum Cosacorchy and the Marungapoory Zamindary, I would recommend that the Zamindary in question may be made over to Trichinopoly—

9 The transfer of the Ramgherry Talook to the Collector of Trichinopoly might be accompanied I think with great advantage by that of the Political Agency of Poodoocottah, the Capital of which Territory is 67 miles from Madura and about 35 from Trichinopoly. In every respect it has more connexion with the latter than the former District. None of the Poodoocottah Villages are much

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less than 50 miles from the Town of Madura, while several are within 10 or 15 of Trichinopoly, and are interspersed with the lands of that District in every direction. The inhabitants also of Poodoocottah are chiefly Kullers, which is the caste prevalent in Trichinopoly but not in Madura. In fact between Poodoocottah and Madura there is no intercourse and ordinarily no communication of intelligence, so that the Collector of Madura is wholly dependant upon official reports for information on points which come before him, and experience has shewn that these are insufficient to enable him to interfere effectively to prevent misgovernment and extravagance.

10 Moreover the circumstance of the Political Agent being the Collector of Madura is attended with inconvenience and delay to the Civil Courts of Tanjore, Trichinopoly and Poodoocottah with the maintenance also of an additional Post office and an unnecessary increase of the weight of the Mails. Lists of Interrogatories are constantly passing between the above mentioned 3 Courts all of which, written for the most part on thick Country paper have to come all the way down to Madura and then to ascend again eighty, a hundred or a hundred & forty miles. The number of such Lists that are interchanged with the Madura Courts are comparatively small and would not have to travel much out of the way by going to Trichinopoly.

11 The Post office I allude to is at Coilputty in the Ramgherry Talook and on the Madras Road. It is maintained chiefly for the purpose of separating the letters going to and from Poodoocottah though recently it has performed the same service for Dindegul. If the Agency be transferred to the

Collector

Collector of Trichinopoly this Post office may be abolished not only I think without inconvenience but with much advantage. The Mails can find their way to Poodoocottah and Dindigul by direct and much nearer Roads and reach their destination therefore more quickly. The Rajah can maintain a Tappal with Trichinopoly at as small, if not less expense than with Covilputty. The difference between the distance from Manapar (the Cusbah Station of Ranigherry Talook which is common to both routes) to Covilputty & to Trichinopoly is 14 miles. The Establishment at Covilputty, and for carrying the Mail between that place and Dindigul is as follows – To Covilputty Mils 12 Trichinopoly 26

	Rs	as	P	
1 Writer	20	"	"	
Contingent Charges	1	8	"	21–8–"
14 Dawk runners at 3½ Rs each				49–"–"
				70–8–"

12 Some Villages belonging to Madura lie a considerable distance within the Tinnevelly District concerning these I will make a report in the course of two or three days.

Madura
26th December
1835

I have &c.a
(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 245

To
The Secretary to the Court of Wards
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin I have the honor to solicit the Sanction of the Court for a monthly payment of Rs 8 – " as shown below being made from the Ayacoody Estate to cover the expense of keeping the horse purchased with their permission for ×

To Court of Wards – 8th Octr 1835
From D 22nd Do

× 22d October 1835

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minor Zemindar of Ayacoody commencing from the 1st November 1855.

Wages of Horsekeeper & Grasscutter Rs	4 " "
Gram	3 " "
Shoeing	1 " "
Total Rs	8 " "

The present charges for the support of the minor, which amount to 2268 Rs per annum are 608 Rs below 10 per cent of the Peshcush of the Estate.

Madura 26th December 1855 } (Signed) I have &c. R D Parker Collector

No. 246

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George.

Sir

I have the honor to return duly corrected the Statement of actual charges incurred on account of additional Establishment in Fusly 1264 forwarded with your letter of the 11th October 1855.

Madura 28th December 1855 } (Signed) I have &c. R D Parker Collector

10 No. 28 115 229

To The Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to your circular letter of the 20th ultimo No 1368, I have the honor to furnish you with a List in duplicate, of all Promissory Notes of the 5 per Cent Loan of 1841-42 transferred to the 4 per cent Loan of 1854/55 as therein required.

D

Madura
10th Jany 1855

Signed/ R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 35

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to request to be instructed how to act when the Individual desiring registry of transfer may be a female who objects to appear at my Cutcherry.

D

Madura
13th Jany 1855

Signed/ R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 38

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to Mr Gostling's letter of the 4th Instant I have the honor to request that you will do me the favor of making the reference alluded to Government, if you have not already done so.

D

Madura
16th Jany 1855.

Signed/ R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 88

To The Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir

D

I have the honor to forward the undermentioned Promissory

Note together with an original application from Stree Venkata-
ramien that Interest thereon may be made payable from my
Treasury.

No. 30801 of 1841-42 for Rs. 2500 of 5 per Cent
transferred to the 4 per Cent in No. 82,828 of 1854-55.

Madura }
31st January 1855 }

Signed / R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 110

To The Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to retransmit the undermentioned Promissory Note transferred to the name of Baukeavuthy Ummaul agreeably to the directions contained in your letter No. 1394 of the 21st December 1854 that Interest thereon may be made payable from my Treasury.

No. 29,609 of the 4 per Cent Loan of 1854-55 for
C Rs. 2,000.

Madura }
7th February 1855 }

Signed / R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 121

To The Accountant General Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the undermentioned Promissory Notes that Interest thereon may be made payable from my Treasury.

The Promissory Notes are deposited in my Office as security for the Situation of Dracha Soobramany Chitty Head Shroff.

No. 42 of 1831-32 of the 4 per Cent Tanjore Debt for Rs. 1608-4-2.
No. 32679 of the 4 per Ct. Loan of 1854-55 for Rupees 1000-..-..
No. 32680 of the 4 per Ct. Loan of 1854-55 for Rupees 800-..-..

Madura }
10th Feby. 1855 }

Signed / R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 122

To The Accountant General Fort Saint George

Sir,

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Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 7th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that I have this day applied to the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army for the necessary escort, but do not calculate on the same being furnished till the 26th Instant as it will probably be sent from Palamcottah.

Madura
10th February 1855.

Signed / R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 138

To the Accountant General Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the undermentioned Promissory Note together with an original application from T. Moottoosawmy Chetty that Interest thereon may be made payable from my Treasury.

No. 1728 of 1960 of 1842-43 of the 4 per Cent Loan for Rupees 5,000

Madura
14th February 1855

Signed / R. D. Parker
Collector.

No. 139

To the Accountant General Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to forward the undermentioned Promissory Notes together with an original application from T. Soonasawmy Chitty that Interest thereon may be made payable from my Treasury—

No. 32806 of the 4 percent Loan of 1854/55 for Rs. 500
No. 32807 of Do. for Rupees 5,000

Madura
14th February 1855

Signed / R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 154

To the Accountant General Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the

Promissory

Promissory Note No. 32,828 returned with your letter of the 13th Instant. The error in the Number has been duly corrected to 32828 in the Accounts

Madura
17th February 1855 } Signed / R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 185
1855

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Lushington's letter of the 7th Instant I have the honor to transmit a Statement shewing the expences incurred on account of surveys in the District of Madura and Dindigul since the commencement of the Fusly 1209 and the head to which they are debited

You are aware that the Dindigul portion of the District was made over to the Company before the Commencement of the Century prior to which charges were incurred for Survey

Madura
Kodakanel
27th February 1855 } Signed / R. D. Parker
Collector

To the Accountant General Fort Saint George

Sir

Agreeably to the directions contained in your letter of the 7th Instant No. 951, I have this day despatched to the Collector of Tanjore the Sum of Rupees (3,00,000) Three Lacs in charge of a Guard Commanded by Jemedar Maury-moottoo No. 228 of the Company 51st Regiment Native Infantry as per Triplicate Invoice enclosed

Madura
28th February 1855 } Signed / R. D. Parker
Collector

No 190

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter 8th February 1855, I have the honor to state that the great Exporters of Cotton cloth &ca do not reside on the Sea Coast of this District, nor in fact is the great staple Raw Cotton shipped at all from the Madura Ports. It is taken to Tuticoreen in the Tinnevelly District - the purchasers are chiefly European & Native Merchants at Madras - The principal Merchants of the Madura District, who export grain & cloths to Ceylon reside inland at an out of the way village called Devicotah & transact their business by means of partners or agents at Madura - It is therefore difficult to answer your letter in a way that will not mislead. I believe that it will be correct to say that all Bills granted on the Madura Treasury except those given for payment of Missionaries are directly connected with its trade - and as regards this District in particular this description would answer the purpose you have in view, in as much as there is always more than sufficient money in the Treasury to meet all Bills drawn upon it -

In compliance however with the letter of your instructions I beg to specify as chief exporters of Cotton &ca Messrs King, Barter & Cox of Tuticoreen - for the European Houses of Agency at Madras.

	for Velliew Chetty - Moottoocaroopen Chetty -
2 Ramen Chetty at Madura	Pulneyapen Chetty - Anamalay Chetty - Veerapa
3 Sattapa Chetty — do.	Chetty - Meyappah Chetty - Vencatachellum Chetty
4 Mookoonden Narrainen	Pulneyapen Chetty - Ramanaden Chetty - another
chetty at do.	Meyapen Chetty - a third Meyapen Chetty - Girder
5 Cunden Chetty & Ramen Chetty	doss & Vergalal doss -

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
Kodakanel
1st March 1855

No. 214

To the Accountant General

Fort Saint George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27th Ultimo I have the honor to inform you that my Treasury will admit of a remittance of Two Lacs of Rupees and that I have requested the Collector of Tinnevelly to inform me of the probable date on which his remittance to the Presidency may be expected at Madura which I presume will be about the last week of the present month.

Buttalagoontah }
10th March 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

To the Acting Accountant General

Fort Saint George

Sir,

In the absence of the Collector I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the 2 Promissory Notes noted in the margin forwarded with your 1st Assistant's letter of the 28 Ultimo for delivery to Toppay Soobbien Chetty.

No. 3289 and 3290 of 1854/55 for Rs 2500 and [illegible] 00 respectively

2. The postage on the letter has been recovered from him as requested.

Madura }
19th March 1855 }

(Signed) J. R. Cockerell
Assistant Collector

From J. R. Cockerell Esqr.
Assistant Collector of
Madura

To G. L. Prendergast Esqr.
Acting Accountant General
Fort Saint George

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Loan of 30 June 1854

Bearing Interest from 30th June 1854

No. 32679 for Co. Rupees 1000 " "

" 32680 for " " 800 " "

Tanjore Debt

Bearing interest from 30 October 1853

No. 42 for Comp: Rupees " " 1608 4 2

Loan of 1st February 1843.

Bearing Interest from 1st August 1854

No. 1726 of 1960 for Col. Rupees 6000 " "

Loan of 30th June 1854

Bearing Interest from 30th June 1854.

No. 32807 for Company's Rupees 5000 " "

" 32806 for " " 500 " "

Sir

In the absence of the Collector I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the 6 Promissory Notes noted in the margin forwarded with your 1st Assistant's letter of the 28th Ultimo

Madura
13th March 1855

(Signed) I.R. Cockerell
Assistant Collector

No. 221

To the Acting Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Loan of 30th June 1854
Bearing Interest from 30th June 1854
No. 29609 for Co. Rupees 2000

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Promissory Note noted in the margin forwarded with your letter of the 23rd Ultimo.

Madura
14th March 1855

Signed / R.D. Parker
Collector

No. 241

To the Acting Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 5th Instant I have the honor to inform you that the Sea Customs Chouckeydar of Paumben

remitted Rupees 1000 viz. in Cos Rs. 600, and Rs. 400 in Bank Notes for investment in the 4 per cent Bengal Loan and then to be deposited in my Treasury as security for his employment but inadvertently the amount was Credited under the head of "Deposits of the Revenue Department and the same entered in the x Cash Balance Reports—

x of the 31st January last & subsequent ones

A Bill having been this day drawn on you in favor of the Government agent for Rs. 600 and Bank Notes for the remaining 400 Rs. at the same time forwarded, for purchase of a Promissory Note at Madras, I request that you will be good enough to Correct the entry in the Register of Bank Notes from "as security for his employment" to Investment in the 4 per cent Bengal Loan.

Madura
20th March 1855

I have &c.
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 246

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Quarterly Account Current of "Advances made for repairs of Tanks and Watercourses" and another of all items entered under the head of "Advances on account of the Service of Government" from 1st November 1854 to 31st January 1855 as required by the 1st and 5th Paras of your letter of the 31st October last in the Form furnished therewith—

D.

I have &c.

Madura
22nd March 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 251.

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To The Acting Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to forward the undermentioned Promissory Notes together with an Original application from Toppa Tooban Chetty that Interest thereon may be made payable from my Treasury -

No. 32688 of the 4 pr Cent Loan of 1854/55 for Rupees 2500
" 32689 of Do. Do. ..... for Rs. 2500
" 32690 of Do. Do. ..... for Rs. 2000
" 42200 of Do. Do. ..... for Rs. 1500

I have &c

Madura
22d March 1855

(Signed) R.D. Parker
Collector

No. 255

To the Acting Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 17th Instant, I have the honor to state that the report referred to was despatched on the 20th Instant & the delay was occasioned by my being on Circuit -

To obviate similar delay in future I have the honor to request to be informed whether when I am absent from Madura you will admit periodical and formal statements signed by an Assistant

(Signed)
R.D. Parker
Collector

Madura
20th March 1855

No. 271

To the Accountant General

Fort Saint George

Sir

Agreeably to the directions contained in your letter of the 7th Instant I have this day despatched by land to the General Treasury at the Presidency the sum of Company's Rs. (200000) Two Lacs in charge of a Guard Commanded by Lieutt. B. F. Heysham of the 13th Regiment N. I. as per Triplicate Invoice enclosed — No. 951

I have &c.

Madura
27th March 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 281

Received the Register with a Bill from the Acting 2nd Assistant Accountant General Fort Saint George bearing date 12th March 1855 —

Madura
Collector's Office
29th March 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 282

To the Accountant General

Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to disburse the sum of Rs. 50 .. 6 .. 7 .. to the 17 Bandy-men who conveyed a remittance of 3 Lacs of Rupees to the Presidency via Tranquebar in February last being balance of hire due to them as per Memo. annexed which sum has been Credited in my accounts to the General Treasury at Fort Saint George

Madura
29th March
1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Memo.

Memo 180 229

Hire of 17 Bandies from Madura to Trichinopoly via Tanjore at 8 Rs. and $6\frac{3}{4}$ pice each - - - - - - - - Rs. 136-9-7
Do. of 17 Do. from Trichinopoly to Madura at 11 Rs. each . . " 187-"-"
Total Rupees — 323-9-7

Deduct
Amount of Full hire received by the 17 Bandymen at Madura to proceed to Tranquebar at 10 Rupees and 3 Annas each - - - - - - - 173-3-"
Amount Advanced by the Collector of Trichinopoly 100-"-"
273-3-"
Balance due 50-6-7

No. 283

To the Deputy Accountant General
to the Government of India
Fort William

Sir

With reference to the Circular letter of the Acct. General of Fort St. George dated 7th October 1854 I have the honor to transmit a Promissory Note of the 4 per Cent Tanjore Debt No. 88 of 18 of 1831-32- for Rs. 2000 receipted across for renewal together with a Bill on you and in your favor for Rupee one being the amount of fee due and to request a fresh note in lieu of it

Madura
29 March 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 284.

To the Deputy Accountant General
to the Government of India
Fort William

Sir

With reference to Para 23 of the Circular letter of the Accountant General of Fort Saint George dated 7th October 1854 I have the honor to forward the undermentioned Promissory

Notes

Notes of the Government of India dated 30th June 1854 receipted across for renewal in the manner therein directed & request that you will be good enough to grant me fresh Notes in lieu No 32679 of the 4 per Cent Loan — of 1854-55 for C Rs - 1000

No 32680 of Do for Company Rupees — - - - 800

Madura
29th March 1855 }

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 304

To The Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27th Ultimo No 1698 I have the honor to inform you that Commission on the sale of distrained Property attached for arrears of Revenue is Collected under Section XXXII Regulation XXVIII of 1802 —

Madura
3rd April 1855 }

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 1

Madura 2nd April 1855

I hereby acknowledge that R D Parker Esqr has this day paid into the East India Company's Treasury the sum of C Rs (2000) Two thousand for which he is entitled to receive a Promissory Note bearing Interest from the 1st October next of the tenor and subject to the Conditions of the Loan Specified in the advertisement published in the Calcutta Gazette of the 12th March 1855 —

Company's Rupees 2,000 — " — "

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

Madura 9th April 1855

Received from the Collector of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees (49-11-7) Forty nine annas Eleven and Pice Seven — being the amount of anticipated interest from 2nd April to 1st October 1855 being 5 months and 29 days @ 5 per Cent

for

per annum

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 2.

Madura 3rd April 1855

I hereby acknowledge that Revd. C. F. Muzzy has this day paid into the East India Compy's Treasury the Sum of Company's Rupees (500) Five hundered for which he is entitled to receive a Promissory Note bearing Interest from the 1st October next of the tenor and Subject to the Conditions of the Loan Specified in the advertisement published in the Calcutta Gazette of the 12th March 1855

Comps Rupees 500 " "

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.
Madura April 1855

Recd. from the Collr. of Madura the Sum of CRs. (12. 5. 9) twelve As. five & pice Nine being the amt. of anticipated Interest from 3rd Apl. to 1st Octr. 1855 being 5 Months & 28 Days @ 5 per Cent per Annum.

Madura 6th April 1855

No. 3

I hereby acknowledge that C. H. Woodgate Esqe. has this day paid into the East India Company's Treasury the sum of Company's Rupees (2000) Two thousand for which he is entitled to receive a Promissory Note bearing Interest from the 1st October Next of the tenor, and Subject to the Conditions of the Loan Specified in the advertisement published in the Calcutta Gazette of the 12th March 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker.

C. Rupees 2000 " "

Madura 10th April 1855

Received from the Collector of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees (48- 9- 9-) Forty eight annas Nine and pice nine - being the amount of anticipated Interest from 6th of April to 1st of October 1855 being five Months and 25 days at 5 per Cent per annum.

No. 315

To

The Deputy Accountant General
to the Government of India
Fort William

Sir

With reference to the Notification of the Government of India of the 12th March last republished in the Fort St George Gazette of the 23rd Idem, I have the honor to forward the undermentioned Acknowledgment of the 5 per cent "Public Works Loan of 1854-55," for the purpose of being exchanged into Promissory Note of the same Loan, with the Interest thereon made payable from the Treasury of the Collectorate of Tinnevelly

Acknowledgement of the 5 per cent "Public Works Loan of 1854-55" No. 3 for Company Rupees 2,000.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector.

Madura
7th April 1855

No. 316

To.

The Acting Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Promissory Notes noted in the margin, forwarded with your 1st Assistant's letter of the 4th Instant

Loan of 30th June 1854
Bearing Interest from 30th June 1854
No. 32688 for C Rupees 2500 " "
" 42200 for — " — 1500 — " —
" 32689 for — " — 2500 — " —
" 32690 for — " — 2000 — " —

(Signed)
R D Parker
Collector

Madura
7th April 1855

No. 318

To the Deputy Accountant General
to the Government of India
Fort William

Sir

With reference to the Notification of the Government

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of India of the 12th March last, republished in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 25th Idem, I have the honor to forward the undermentioned Acknowledgment of the "5 per Cent Public works Loan of 1854-55," for the purpose of being exchanged for a Promissory Note of the same Loan, with the Interest thereon made Payable from the Treasury of the Collectorate of Madura.

Acknowledgement of the 5 per Cent Public works Loan of 1854/55, No. 1 for C.Rs. 2000.

Madura
9 April 1855
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 319.

To the Deputy Accountant General
to the Government of India
Fort William

Sir

With Reference to the Circular letter of the Accountant General of Fort Saint George dated 7 October 1854 I have the honor to transmit the undermentioned Promissory Notes of the Government of India receipted across for renewal in the manner therein directed, & request that you will be good enough to grant me fresh Notes in lieu

No. 32806 of the 4 per Cent Loan of 1854-55 for C Rupees 500.
No. 32807 of the 4 per Cent Loan of 1854-55 for C Rupees 5000.

Madura
9 April 1855
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 335

To the Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an application from the Reverend C. F. Muzzy for transfer of payment of Interest on the accompanying two Promissory Notes to the Treasury of the Collector of Madura.

Nos. 26533 & 26745 of the 4 per Cent Loan of 1854-55 each for Rupees 500

You will observe that since the last payment of

Interest, these Bonds have been endorsed over to Mr. Muzzy by the Reverend Mr. Winslow; and as the latter Gentleman resides at Madras I am unable to register the transfer in the manner indicated by the Form No. 2 embodied in your Circular of the 7th October last. I have therefore to request your in=
=structions-

Madura
12th April 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 336

To The Deputy Accountant General
to the Government of India
Fort William

Sir

With reference to the Notification of the Government of India of the 12th March last republished in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 23rd Idem I have the honor to forward the undermentioned Acknowledgment of the 5 per Cent "Public Works Loan of 1854-55," for the purpose of being exchanged for a Promissory Note of the same Loan, with the Interest thereon made payable from the Treasury of the Collectorate of Madura

Acknowledgement of the 5 per Cent "Public Works Loan of 1854-55" No. 2 for Company's Rupees 500- " —

Madura
12th April 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 357

To the Acting Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 14th Instant I have the honor to inform you that I have received Subscriptions to the public works loan to the extent of Rupees (4,500) only up to this date, and to express my opinion that even if the time be so extended to the 11th May next not more than 11,000 Rs will be subscribed in the aggregate—

Madura
18th April 1855 }

Signed R. D. Parker
Collector

No 381

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

In reply to your acting 2d Assistants letter of the 20th Instant I have the honor to inform you that the Civil Auditor (to whom the Letter of Credit No 175, dated 22d Decr 1854 for Rs 15,000 was sent by mistake) has been requested to forward the same to you direct to prevent delay

Madura
24th April 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No 382

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21st Instant, I have the honor to inform you that my Treasury will admit of a remittance of Five lacs of Rupees & that I have this day applied to the officer Commanding Southern Division of the Army for the necessary Escort & also requested the Collector of Tinnevelly to inform me of the probable date on which his remittance to the Presidency may be expected at Madura which I presume will be about the end of next Month.

Madura
24th April 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No 383

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St George

With reference to your letter of the 24th Ultimo I have the honor to report that the total sum subscribed to the 5 per Cent "Public Works Loan of 1854/55" till yesterday Evening was (4,500) Four thousand five hundred Rupees

Madura
24th April 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 396.

To The Accountant General

Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Promissory Notes noted in the margin forwarded with your 1st Assistants letter of the 23d Instant.

No. 26873 - for Rs 500 of the [illegible]
26745 for Rs 500 [illegible] of 1854/55.

Madura 28th April 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 406.

To The Accountant General

Sir, Fort St. George

With reference to your letter of the 21st to mine of the 24th Ultimo, and the enclosed from Collector of Tinnevelly I have the honor to inform you that in order to provide the 2 Lacs which that officer will require of the Madura Treasury in October I am obliged to reduce the remittance to Madras to 3 lacs of Rupees.

Madura 1st May 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 428.

To The Acting Accountant General

Sir, Fort St. George

With reference to your letter of the 30th Ultimo I have the honor to request an explanation of what you intend by the term "Grant". It has a peculiar signification in "Revenue language" being applied exclusively to such lands as are given over by Government to Europeans, a regular return of which from every District is furnished to the Registrar of Government Grants who is the Collector of Madras from whom you could immediately obtain a Statement for the whole Presidency. From your requiring to know also what lands remain ungranted I suspect that you intend the term to have a wider signification, perhaps all the land taken up for cultivation during the year 1853/54, but this includes land held by families from time immemorial, and I fear therefore that unless the terms used are very strictly defined the

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statements you receive from each District will lead to much misapprehension.

Madura Agathaputty }
10 May 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 430.

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Promissory Note of the 4 per cent Tanjore Debt No. 88 of 18 of 1831/32 for Company's Rupees 2000-.-.- for renewal with the endorsement of the proprietor Jagumsing on the back thereof in the prescribed form together with a Bill drawn on you for Rupee 1-.-.- being the amount of fee recovered from the party for the renewal.

Madura, Agathaputty }
10 May 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 450.

To The Accountant in the
Revenue Department
of the Accountant Genl. Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to memo annexed to the Extract of a letter from Major General T. B. Forster Military Auditor General dated 18th April 1855, No. 132, I have the honor to state, that the authenticated copy of the last Pay certificate of M. Veerasawmy 2d Dresser was forwarded to the Civil Auditor with the reply to the Reaudit for fuslies 1257 & 58 item No. 19 dated 20th July 1852. The certificate specifying the date on which the 2d Dresser joined the Civil Department viz. 14th April 1848 is attached to the bills herewith returned.

Madura }
16 May 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

This is to certify that 2d Dresser M. Veerasawmy No. 176 joined the Sub Collectors Department Dindigul on the 14 April 1848.

Madura }
16 May 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 451

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

As regards the anticipated Interest paid to individuals on acknowledgments from No. 163 for subscriptions received from them for "5 per cent Public Works loan of 1854/55", with reference to your Circular letter of the 24th March last and as per advices furnished to your office under date the 2nd 3rd & 6th Ultimo, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me in what Form the Register of Interest in question should be forwarded to you.

Madura
16th May 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 452.

To The Acting Accountant General.
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to Mr. C. V. Gostling's letter of the 12th March last I have the honor to inform you that Rs. 292-13-2 incurred in January 1848 for converting Old Powder Magazine into a place of accomodation for the conveyances of the Court Servants have been adjusted in the accounts for April 1855 as therein requested.

Madura
16th May 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 453.

Memo.

Received the Register with a Bill from the Acting 2nd Asst. Accountant General Fort St. George bearing date 10th May 1855.

Madura
17th May 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

To

The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

No. 497

To The Acting Accountant General

Sir Fort St. George

Agreeably to the directions contained in your letter of the 21st Ultimo I have this day despatched to the General Treasury at the Presidency in charge of a guard commanded by Jemedar Mootoosawmy 13th Regt. N.I. the sum of Company's Rupees (300000) Three Lacs as per Triplicate Invoice enclosed.

Madura 26th May 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 502

To The Deputy Accountant General to the Government of India.

Sir Fort William

I have the honor to transmit for renewal 2 Promissory Notes No. 26533 & 26745 of the 4 per Cent Loan of 1854/55 each for Company's Rupees 500.... endorsed by the proprietor the Revd. C. F. Muzzy in the prescribed form.

Madura 28th May 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 575.

To The Acting Accountant General

Sir, Fort St. George.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant No. 265 and to state that I expect to be able to furnish you with Regular Estimate of Receipts & disbursements by the prescribed date viz the 30th Instant

My Ledger and closing Entries for 1854/55 I am unable to despatch so as to reach your office before the

the 31st July as the usual Memo of Remarks on the accounts of this Collectorate from November 1854 to January 1855 were only received yesterday and those for February, March and April are still due from your office.

Madura
21st June 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 598.

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 67 dated 23 May 1855. I have the honor to furnish you with a Memo of Specification for the expenditure in the Public works Department for the year 1853/54 and the estimated expenditure in 1854/55.

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Madura
26 June 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 600.

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Gostlings letter of the 22d Instant No. 193. I have the honor to inform you that the sum of Rupees 8-11-7 therein referred to has been debited to the Collector of Tinnevelly in my accounts for the current Month.

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Madura
26 June 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 602.

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the renewed Tanjore Debt Promissory Note forwarded with Mr. Lushingtons letter of the 14 Instant No. 289.

[illegible]

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Madura
27 June 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 620.

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Received the Register with 6 vouchers from the Acting 2nd Asstt. Accountant General bearing date 22nd June 1855.

Madura 29th June 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

To
The Accountant in the Revd. Deptt. of the Accountant Genl's. Office
Fort St. George.

No. 601.

To The Acting Accountant General.

Sir, Fort St. George.

I have the honor to forward the undermentioned Promissory Note together with an original application from Sivasawmy Iaver that Interest thereon may be made payable from my Treasury No. 27003 of 1842/43 of the 4 per Cent Loan ofor Cos Rupees 8100.

Madura 29th June 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 614.

To The Acting Accountant General

Sir, Fort St. George.

With reference to para 4 of your printed Circular dated 25th May last I have the honor to forward a Saving Bank Book closed up to the 30 April 1855 in order that it may be checked in your Office and returned.

Madura 29th June 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 640.

To The Accountant in the Revenue Depart. of the Accountant Genl's Office

Sir, Fort St. George.

In reply to your Acting Assistants letter of the 30 Ultimo, I have the honor to annex a Memo of difference of Rupees 70-14-7 which exists between the sums entered in the journals for September and October 1854, adverted to in the above letter

Memo

Amount of Postage collected in September 1854 . 694 . . . .
" Sales of Postage Labels in &c. preparatory to the introduction of the new System in Octr. 523.1-4. 1217-1-4.

Deduct charges for do. - - - - - 764-14-7

Net balance credited to Post Master General in September 1854 and adjusted in the Journal for October following page 104 by debiting "Post Master General" & crediting "Postage Labels" to which it is applicable } + 523-1-4

Difference - 70-14-7

The Madura Post office Writer &c. did not avail themselves of the permission granted to take a months Labels in advance, but paid for them at once or I myself do so which is the same thing. Hence the credit to the P. M. G. as early as September.

Madura }
5th July 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 643.

To The Accountant General.

Sir, Fort St. George

In despatching today the Regular Estimate which should have left the office on the 30th June, I have the honor to state that I did not receive the court Estimate till 5 P. M. yesterday.

Madura }
5th July 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 666.

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant Genl's office

Sir, Fort St. George.

With reference to your letter of the 25th Ultimo I have the honor to forward a draft copy of the Adjustment and closing entries of my Books for the past Official Year 1854/55 together with my office Ledger for the same period.

Madura }
12th July 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

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No. 667.

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant Genl's office
Sir, Fort St. George.

Agreeably to your Acting Assistants letter of the 4th Instant, I have the honor to forward an Authenticated copy of the original last Pay certificate of 2nd Dasfer Veerasawmy.

Madura
12 July 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

To The Acting Accountant General
Sir, Fort St. George

With reference to your Circular of the 14th Instant No. 14 and its enclosure I have the honor to inform you that I have received no subscriptions to the Public Works Loan up to the present date.

Madura
17 July 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 700.

To The Acting Accountant General
Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to return the Form of an Agricultural Statement received with your letter of the 15th March last, filled up as far as in my power.

My figures relate to the Govt. Talooks only, which comprize about Half the District. The rest is Zemindary from which no accounts were furnished to enable me to afford the information you require.

As regards the quantity of produce I possess no means whatever of answering your questions. The Crops of the Ryots are subject to no Scrutiny to ascertain

ascertain their quantity. At the survey a calculation was made of the produce per Cawny of a few descriptions of grain which I enter as a note in the Statement.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
18th July 1855

No. 715.

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Promissory Note noted in the margin forwarded with your letter of the 14th Instant, No. 451.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
20th July 1855

No. 722.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th Instant.

In payment of fractions of a Rupee the mode you approve of issuing the larger Silver & Copper coins in preference to a large & equivalent number of smaller ones is followed except under the circumstances of the former having been exhausted at the particular Talook Treasury or cash chest. I will however issue a general order inculcating the Rule and requiring the Tahsildars to take pains to obtain the smaller coins in due proportion.

It sometimes of course happens that the supply of small coins falls short and change has to be obtained in the Bazar.

I hope that it is not your wish to contract the supply of small coin from the Madras Treasury to the various Districts, for no doubt the issue of them

from the Public Treasury is a great convenience to the people.

Madura
24th July 1853 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 724.

To The Accountant General
Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to reply to the several Questions contained in your letter of the 20th May last.

Question. In what month of the year does cultivation or sowing of Seeds commence generally in your District in Ordinary Seasons; the time of reaping the 1st Crop and the time of reaping the 2nd Crop in what month does cultivation end, and the crops are entirely cut, or reaping closes; also the time of the first payment of Revenue, and the time of the heaviest kists &c.	Answer. A small quantity of Paddy is sown in January & also in March April and May. But these are considered the 2nd and not the 1st Crops of the year as they are irrigated from the water which remains after the chief or kalum harvest. They are reaped 3 months after sowing. The sowing for the chief wet crop takes place in July in what are called Seed Beds, whence transplanting takes place 40 days afterwards. These crops come to

maturity in 6 months and are reaped in December, January and part of February. Of dry Crops a little gingely oil seed, and cholum will be sown in May and June; but the chief crop in July and August. Cotton Pulse, and grain are sown later. The harvest takes place for cholum and the bulk of grains in November. For Pulse and grains in February. For Cotton from March to May. The first kist is in November. The heaviest kists are from March to June both inclusive. I subjoin a Statement of Cultivation founded on the accounts of 1852 and 1853.

of Cultivation founded on the accounts of 1852 and 1853.

Months	1852		1853	
	Cawn	Rs	Cawn	Rs
January	5791	25830	5037	15060
February	981	3344	2316	6037
March	390	1370	2066	4686
April	2199	10039	2171	10499
May				
June	115875	321372	44406	185685
July				
August	93175	204298	119278	242177
September	84772	113154	93313	215608
October	56153	198195	74450	251624
November	27161	115029	39907	143800
December	10546	36405	13643.	47783
	397043	1029036	396667	1131767
		13654		5706
		1042690		1136473

2. Question.

On What dates has the Jummabundy been concluded in your District during the last 10 years?	Fusly	Dates of Conclusion of Jummabundy.
	1255	11th July 1846
	1256	5 Do 1847
	1257	28th Do 1848
	1258	6th August 1849
	1259	11th July 1850
	1260	26th June 1851
	1261	2d July 1852
	1262	29th June 1853
	1263	6th July 1854
	1264.	11th June 1855.

3d Question.

To what extent is Poonjah cultivation or Nunjah if any made in your District between 30th April and 30th June in each year and to what extent is the reaping of crops of the 2 kinds made during the same period?

3d Answer.

The 1st part of this question is answered by the statement appended to the reply to Question No 1. The same accurate account is not kept by the reaping between April 30th and June 31st but it forms a very small proportion of the whole harvest of the year.

4th Question.

Whether the crop of Poonjah Cultivation made in May and June is not generally gathered in the following Fusly and a collection of the kist pertaining thereto carried to the accounts of the Succeeding Fusly?

4th Answer.

Yes.

5th Question.

Give a Statement of the culti:vation and extent reaped between the end of April and the begin:ning of July, the description of the land the extent & the assessment.

5th Answer.

In order that the accounts may be closed the culti:vation of each Fusly is held in the District to cease on the 15th April and all cultivation after that date is entered in the fresh accounts of the succeeding fusly ending on the 25th July consequently I am unable to give account to the 31st June. The nearest approximation to it is enclosed. For answer to the 2d part of the Question see reply No 2-3.

6th Question	6th Answer.
Send your Kistbundy and state whether the Kists can be brought forward?	The Kistbundies Ayen & Zemindary are enclosed. I fear that bringing the Kists forward would

prove a hardship to the Ryots who are not in a position to pay till they have had time to sell their crops.

7th Question	7th Answer
Can the Settlement be concluded in your District within the 30th April with as much facility as now with the Fusly year?	I do not think that the change will involve difficulties commensurate with the advantages. The greatest trouble now arises in regard

to Crops sown about April, which come to maturity either a little before or a little after the 11th July. After the change these will be carried to account in the succeeding Fusly. There will be some difficulty as regards cultivation in January and if the official year could be made to close on the 11th July, I should prefer that arrangement, but believing that this would be attended with great inconvenience, the next best thing is, I think to make the Revenue year correspond with the present official year.

8th Question	8th Answer.
Will the Calendar year do as well as the official year?	I think certainly not its commencement happens in the middle of the harvest.

Madura }
24th July 1855. }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

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No. 729.

To The Accountant General.

Sir. Fort St. George

I have the honor to request instructions regarding the payment of the accompanying Bill of which the letters of advice is also enclosed.

The name entered both in the Bill and letter of advice is Ramung chetty, but the individual bringing the Bill for acceptance signs his name to the Receipt as Ramalingum chetty which I have no doubt is what was intended as Ramung is a most improbable name for a Hindoo.

Madura }
24th July 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 759.

To The Acting Accountant General

Sir. Fort St. George.

I have the honor to furnish you with a statement of charges incurred by the Local Committee at Madura on account of the Madras Exhibition as required by your circular No. 17 dated 24th July 1855.

Madura }
31st July 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 760.

Received the Register with two vouchers from the Acc 2d Assistant Accountant General bearing date 26th July 1855.

Madura }
31st July 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George.

No. 781.

To The Acting Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your Circular letter of the 24th Ultimo, I have the honor to transmit the Return therein called for in the form furnished.

(Signed) R. D. Parker

Collector

Madura

8th August 1855

No. 782.

To The Acting Accountant General

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Extract from the "Register of withdrawals from the "Branch Bank" for last month to be substituted for the one sent on the 3rd Instant in which the signature of the Payee acknowledging the repayment was inadvertently omitted to be obtained.

(Signed) R. D. Parker

Collector

Madura

8th August 1855

No. 783.

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to forward the undermentioned Promissory Note that Interest thereon may be made payable from my Treasury. The Note is deposited in my office as Security for the Situation of Sadaseviah Post office writer at Dindigul.

No. 13126 of 1842-43. of the 4 per Cent Loan of 1854-55 for Rupees 500.

(Signed) R. D. Parker

Collector

Madura

8th August 1855

No. 791.

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 4th Instant No. 392 I have the honor to state that I expect to be able to furnish you with the Statement therein called for by the 20th Instant.

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Madura
8th August 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 818.

To The Acting Accountant General

Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 4th Instant I have the honor to forward the Statement prepared in accordance to the Form furnished with your letter dated 29th June last.

D

Madura
13th August 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 821.

To The Acting Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Gastlings letter of the 10th Instant I have the honor to state that two months Salary of Mr. Hodgson, Head Assistant, and three months Salary of Mr. Norman Assistant, paid from other Treasuries, in consequence of their being absent, were not adjusted in the Madura District during 1854-55. Hence the Estimate for the succeeding year which includes their full Salaries is necessarily in Excess of the actual charges of 1854-55. as shown in the Subjoined Statement.

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Adverting to the term removal made use of in my former explanation, I beg to add that Mr.

Norman though employed in another District holds no permanent appointment there.

Madura
13th August 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 835.

To
The Accountant in the Revenue Deptt.
of the Accountant Genl's Office
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to your Acting 2nd Assistant's letter of the 10th instant, I have the honor to inform you that, Rupees 1-7-.. has been altered to Rupees 1.11-.. in the Account current for the quarter ending 31st January last, and also in the balance carried forward to the subsequent Account Current ending 30th April as well as in the Monthly account currents from May.

Madura
17th August 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 889.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

A few Bills on the Accountant General have been required by Captain Gib superintending operations at Paumben to enable him to pay for Public Stores &ca. procured from Madras, and it has been usual to grant these on transmission of the receipt of the Sea Custom Superintendent at Paumben in token of the money having been paid into this treasury, from whence it would find its way into the Madura Treasury with the monthly Remittances.

My Cashkeeper however, objects to the continuation of the practice, because as his signature is now required to the counterfoil of each Bill, he would thus become responsible for the issue of an acknowledgment of the receipt of money previous to its arrival at his Treasury. The scruple does not appear to me ill founded. and at the same time public inconvenience may be suffered by a delay to grant the Bill until receipt of the Remittance. As Paumben is nearly 100 Miles from Madura it would be impossible for Captain Gib to pay the money into the Huzoor Treasury direct. Under these circumstances I request your instructions how to act for the future. I would suggest that the Cashkeeper should be informed that he will not be held responsible for any sum found into the Paumben Treasury before its actual arrival at the one at Madura notwithstanding that he may have signed, according to yours the counterfoil of a Bill on the Accountant General for an equivalent amount: what he may there-fore do without apprehension.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector.

Madura
1st September 1855

No. 907.

To The Accountant in the Revenue Dept.
of the Accountant Genl's office
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your Acting 2d Assts letter of the 25th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward fair copies of the Adjustment and closing entries of my Books for the past official year 1854/55 together with the Duplicate journals and Ledger for

for the same period.

Madura
6th September 1853 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 912.

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Promissory Note specified in the margin forwarded with your 1st Assistant's letter of the 5th Instant No. 780.

Loan of 1st [illegible] 1843
No 11120 for Rs 500
Bearing Interest
[illegible] 4th [illegible] 1853.

Madura
6th September 1853 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 913.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. From the accompanying copy of a Bill received from the Collector of Masulipatam & adjusted in the Accounts of this office in July last, you will perceive that the salary of the Head Asst. of this District for the remaining of April last has been drawn by Mr. Ballard.

2. The steamer in which Mr. Hodgson had his passage is advertised to have left Madras on the 29th and such being the case he was not, I believe, entitled to the salary for that date.

3. If this be the case, you will, perhaps, be so good as to correct the Bill for his salary which I herewith return for that purpose.

Madura
6th September 1853. } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

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No 916.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. With reference to your letter of the 10 August last No 351 I have the honor to transmit copy of a letter from Overseer Dudgeon with an Original Bill for travelling allowance amounting to Rs 111 – – and request instructions regarding payment of the same of an extra allowance of 50 Rupees per Mensem for Tentage.

2. Your directions are to the effect that deductions to the Amount of 83-5-4 per Mensem should commence from August, but you will observe that Mr Dudgeon says that one instalment towards repayment of the advance of 500 Rs made in England I presume at the rate of 41-10-0 has been already deducted for July verbally he informed me that his Salary up to the end of July less the said deduction had been paid to him by the Sub Treasurer, from whom, however, I have received no advice on the Subject. I shall be obliged by your directing him to send me a last pay certificate, and by instructions how many instalments remain to be recovered from Mr Dudgeon.

Madras
7th September 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No 932.

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Adverting to Mr Lushington's letter of the 8th Instant I have the honor to request to be informed whether Para 3 has reference

to:

to any collections which may be unusually classed as Small Farms & Licenses other than those of Ferry Rents & Tolls.

Madura
11th September 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 973.

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 14 Instant I have the honor to inform you that I have applied to the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the army for the necessary escort, but cannot calculate on the same arriving here till the end of the month as it will probably be sent from Trichinopoly.

Madura
20th September 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 992.

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Gostling's letter of the 22d Instant, No. 484. I have the honor to state that the vouchers in support of the payments made to Candian Pensioners & Prisoners debited in my journal for June 1855. Page 26, were transmitted to your office together with the vouchers for payments debited in my journal for July 1855, on the 17th August last.

Madura
26th September 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 1011.

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Lushington's letter of the

No. 999. 135

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George.

Sir

Agreeably to the directions contained in your letter of the 14th Instt. No. 478 I have this day dispatched to the Collector of Trichinopoly the sum of Rupees (400,000) Four lacs in charge of a Guard Commanded by Jemadar Narraniah of the 9th Company 51st Regimt. N. I. as per Triplicate Invoice enclosed.

Madura
29th September
1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector.

About Ferry fund.

8th Ultimo and Mr Spottings of the 27 Idem, explaining the former, I have the honor to inform you that there are no funds of the nature indicated in the Madura District

Madura
2d October 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

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No 1018.

Received the Register with 2 Vouchers from the Acting 2d Assistant Accountant General Fort St. George dated 28th September 1855.

Madura
3d October 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

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To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

No 1033.

To The Government Agents
Madras.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of the two Government Promissory Notes as per margin forwarded with your letter of the 29th Ultimo No 1159, I have the honor to inform you that the notes in question have been delivered to Teekaram Shobajee Iyer as therein requested, and beg to enclose a Bill on the Accountant General for the Sum of Rupees (82) being fees due by him together with 2 Receipts in duplicate handed over by Teekaram Shobajee Iyer as particularized below.

No 7250 of 29264 of the 4 per cent Loan of 1st Feby 1843 Rs 5200
No 7310 of 25920 of do 14,000
19200

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No	Date	Amount
2525 of 1829/30	2d August 1830	Sicca Rupees 12000
658 of 15 Sam do 1835/36	17th March 1846	Rs 75600
		87600

Madura
8th October 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 1044.

To the Government Agents
Madras.

Sir,

In transmitting to you the accompanying 14 Receipts in duplicate handed over to me by Streenevass Iyengar my Cashkeeper for Company's Rupees 20400, as per margin on account of Government Securities deposited by him and his Sons &co. I have the honor to inform you that Streenevass Iyengar requests that his Promissory Notes and those of his Sons &co. may be returned making the Interest thereon payable to them from my Treasury.

No. 2684	of 1960 of 1842/43 for Rs.	500
11412	of 1835/36	4300
32253	of 1841/42	700
289	of Do. Do.	2000
3732	of Do. Do.	2000
7113	of Do. Do.	2000
7977	of Do. Do.	1000
41804	of Do. Do.	1000
8389	of Do. Do.	2000
13267	of 1825/26	500
2750	1960 of 1842/43	500
50894	of 1841/42	500
8689	of 1842/43	500
3032	of 1960 of 1842/43	500
3031	of 1960 of Do. Do.	500
50893	1841/42	700
40462 of	Do.	700
	Total Rs.	20600

Madura
13th October 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 1045.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In reply to your Circular of the 8th Instant I have the honor to inform you that in consequence of the adversity of the season in this District, I would wish to make a reduction of Rs. 30000 in my regular Estimate of 1855/56 under the head of Collections of Land Revenue.

Madura
13th October 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 1067.

To The Accountant in the
Revenue Depts. of the
Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

(132) 269

In reply to your Acting 2d Assistant's letter of the 5th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Sum of Rupees 300000 remitted to the Collector of Tanjore in February last, has been adjusted in the Accounts to be sent for September, page 82.

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Madura
17th October 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 1077.

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

D

With reference to your letter of the 3rd Instant I have the honor to inform you that I require a supply of Small copper Coins as per Margin for the ensuing year.

Rs.
2500 - in half anna pieces
2500 - in Quarter Do.

Madura
19th October 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 2038.

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 31st Ultimo No. 719. I have the honor to State that my Cashkeeper denies that any Soolahee Rupees were included in the remittance and the Shroff which accompanied it informs me that the cause of rejection by the Trichinopoly Shroff was the circumstance of there being slight indentations in the rim of the Rupee, which not decreasing the weight by 2 per cent leaves them still under Section III Regulation XVII of 1835 a legal tender. As such therefore they could not be rejected at any treasury. The Cashkeeper has produced before me Specimens of the Rupees adverted to and they are of the coinage of 1835 and 1840. The Soolahee Rupee is not to be found in the District.

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On hearing of the objection taken by the Trichinopoly Shroff. I wrote to the Collector of Trichinopoly to request him to inspect the Rupees himself. I have received no answer, but the Shroff who accompanied the remittance informs me that he did so and expressed himself satisfied. Otherwise the Rupees should have been placed under the joint Seal of the two Districts in order that they might be submitted to the Sub Treasurer for adjudication.

Madura
7th November 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 2045.

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 2d Instt. No. 1123. I have the honor to state that except as regards the Branch Cotton Road, Captain Horsley was not concerned with the actual expenditure upon Public Works in this District. I annex a Statement of the advances made to him on account of the said Road.

Madura
15th November 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Statement of advances made on account of Public Works to Captain W. H. Horsley Civil Engineer 8th Dn.

Amount advanced for constructing Branch Cotton Road between Aroopoocottah and Cottaporam	24465. 0. 2.
Do. of Salary and Tentage paid to Ensign Lawford from 24th April 1851 to 20th April 1852 which will be adjusted by debiting to Public Roads and crediting to Civil Engineer to which it was charged	2279. – –
	26744. – 2.

Do (to be adjusted) of Bill sanctioned by the Chief Engineer D.P.W. on the 22d October 1855 26744 .. 2.

No. 2048.

To The Acting Accountant General.

Fort St. George.

Sir,

In reply to your circular of the 22d October last No. 636 I have the honor to state that judging from the receipts and expenditure of past years, I do not deem it necessary to indent upon you for small silver coin, and anticipate, that if the supply of copper coin requested by my indent of the 19th Ultimo be furnished it will prove sufficient. There seems to be a large quantity of coin under a Rupee in circulation in the District and it is paid into the Talook Treasuries for Kist. It will be my endeavour to reissue it on all practicable occasions.

Madura
12th November 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 2061.

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant Genl's office
Fort St. George

Sir,

As required by your Acting Dy. Assistants letter of the 29th Ultimo I have the honor to forward a separate Abstract shewing the Demand &ca from 1st to 31st July 1855.

Madura
14th November 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 2092.

To The Acting Accountant General.

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to request your instructions as to the disposal of the following 4. Bills remaining unadjusted as per Report of the Balance of

of Cash up to 10th November 1855.

No. 956.	26th July 1851.	Messrs. Ouchterlony & Co.	500 - " - "	
" 1271.	1st September "	Do.	500 - " - "	
" 2521.	2nd February 1852.	J. H. Dykes Esquire	177 - " - 11.	
" 2252.	12th October 1854.	Munthraisewara Iyer	698 - 4 - "	

Madura }
19th November 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 2101.

To The Government Agent
Fort St. George

Gentlemen.

In reply to your letter of the
I have the honor to state that Mr. Iwansegar being employed as a Sea Custom Choukedar at a distance of 100 Miles from Madura, has paid your fee into the Sea Custom Treasury, the remittance from which will not arrive till the 27th Instant. As your demand however is very peremptory, I have advanced the Sum and forward it by Accountant Generals Bill.

Madura }
20th November 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 2107.

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 19th Instant No. 749. I have the honor to inform you that I shall be able to remit Five Lacs of Rupees which shall be packed with the utmost expedition.

As the Collector of Tinnevelly is to send money by the same opportunity, my remittance must wait till his arrives. I am unable therefore to indicate the date of despatch more nearly than by saying that the Madura Treasure will be ready by the time the Escort from Tinnevelly may call for it.

Madura }
25th November 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 2133.

To

The Deputy Accountant General
to the Government of India.
Fort William

Sir,

With reference to the circular letter of the Accountant Generals of Fort St. George dated 7th October 1854 I have the honor to transmit a Promissory Note of the 4 per cent Loan No. 32820 of 1854-55- for Rupees 2500 receipted across for renewal in the manner therein directed and request a fresh note in lieu.

Madira
30th November 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 2141.

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward to you a revised Extract from the Register of Deposits made by individuals for investment in the Government Savings Bank for the month of October 1855 to be substituted for the one forwarded to you on the 31st October, in consequence of the amount of deposit by Mr Bywater having been inadvertently inserted therein as Rupees 10. instead of 20.

Madura
30th November 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 2147.

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to note marginally 2 Remittance Tickets granted by the authorities at Colombo for Rupees (170) dated 19th September last which were presented for payment at my Treasury six weeks ag

1 For Rs 100 recovered from M. Yandiney of Derinagaria Estate payable at sight to Pitty Caden of Colomdine
1 Rs 70 recovered from do do payable to Senne Meeran of Comdecande

ago, but for which no advice has been received from your office. I fear then that the letter of advice may have miscarried.

Madura
4th December 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 215.

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 17th October last I have the honor to forward the Estimate for the first half of the Calendar year 1856 prepared in conformity with the instructions contained in your Circular of the 26th Ultimo.

Madura
4th December 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 2196

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to the directions Contained in your letter of the 19th Ultimo, I have this day dispatched to the General Treasury at the Presidency in Charge of a Guard Commanded by Ensign A. B. Irving of the 13th Regiment Native Infantry the Sum of Company's Rupees (500000) Five lacs as per Triplicate Invoice enclosed.

Madura
17th December 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 2190.

Received a Register with 3 Vouchers from the Acting 2d Assistt. Accountant General bearing date 10th December 1855

Madura
15th December 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

To the Acting Accountant General
Fort St. George

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No. 2243

To The Acting Accountant General

Sir — Fort Saint George

In reply to your letter of the 30th October last, I have the honor to inform you that Rupees 141,805 inserted in the Margin of the letter, includes the advances of former years and the amount Vizt Rupees 66768 – entered under the Head of Advances on account of the Public Works in the Statement forwarded with my letter of the 13th August last as required in yours of the 29th June Consisted the advances actually disbursed during the year 1854/55,

Madura — (Signed) R. D. Parker
29th December /54. — Collector

No. 2249.

Received a Register with 2 Bills forwarded by the Acting 3d Assistant Accountant General dated the 24th December 1855

Madura
29th December 1855 — (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

To The Acting Accountant General
Fort Saint George

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No. 215.

To The Civil Auditor

Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to request to be informed whether your notification of the 3rd March 1855 published in the Fort St. George Gazette applies to all the East Indian Native Servants of the Establishment of the Collector & Magistrate or to only a few of the principal Officers and if the latter only are intended, that you will specify them as nearly as possible.

Madura Pathumputty } (Signed) R. D. Parker
12th March 1855 } Collector

No. 298.

Department	Rank	Name	Pay per mensem	From	To	Names of Substitute
Magte	Police Ameen	[illegible]	Rs 35	31st March 1855	31 May 1855	Kistnasawmy Naick [illegible] on 17 Rs 12 [illegible]

To the Civil Auditor

Fort Saint George

Sir

Agreeably to the Notification of the 3rd March 1855 published in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 9th Idem, page 297, I have the honor to shew marginally the Names of the Officer who has obtained leave and of his Substitute

Madura } (Signed) R D Parker
31st March 1855 } Collector

No. 354

To, The Civil Auditor

Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to report that Mr. J. Clarke Sub Collector delivered over charge of his office to Mr. F. S. Child Acting Sub Collector on the 13th Instant after discharging the duties of the day

Madura (Signed) R. D. Parker
16th April 1855 Collector

No. 380

To The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir,

The Letter of Credit of the Accountant General No. 176 dated 22d. Decr. 1854, for Rs. 15,000 having been by mistake sent to you instead of to the Accountant General with my Monthly accounts for January 1855 in the Sealed Packet of Vouchers No. 3 I request that you will be good enough to forward the same to that officer direct & apprize me of your having done so.

Madura
24th April 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 563

To The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to the Notification of the 3d. March 1855, published in the Fort St. George Gazette, page 297, of the 9th Idem, I have the honor to shew marginally the name of an Officer who has obtained leave of absence, and his substitute.

Madura Ghuntamanaiknoor
15th June 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Depart.	Rank & Name	Pay	From	To	Name of Substitute
[illegible]	[illegible]	Rs. [illegible]	15th June 1855	15th [illegible] 1855	[illegible]

No. 564

To The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to the Notification of the 3d. March 1855, published in the Fort St. George Gazette, page 297 of the 9th Idem, I have the honor to shew marginally the name of an officer who has obtained leave of absence, and his substitute.

Madura Ghuntamanaiknoor
15th June 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Depart.	Rank & Name	Pay per Month	From	To	Name of Substitute
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] June 1855	20th June 1855	[illegible]

No. 565.

To The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to the Notification of the 3rd March 1855, published in the Fort St. George Gazette, page 297, of the 9th Idem, I have the honor to shew marginally the name of an Officer who has obtained leave of absence and his substitute.

Depart	Rank	Name	Pay per Month	From	To	Name of Substitute
Sub Collector's Office	Gomastah	[illegible] Row	15	6th June 1855	5th July 1855	Madura Row, clerk, Gomastah, Ramasawmy Row to act for the above

Madura Ghauttumnaikenoor
15th June 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 586.

To The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23rd Ultimo and Extract thereto annexed I have the honor to state that the Records of my office do not shew that Tookopee row ever obtained leave of absence providing a substitute, during the whole period of his service.

Madura
20th June 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 606.

To The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George.

Sir,

Agreeably to the Notification of the 3rd March 1855 published in the Fort St. George Gazette page 297 of the 9th Idem, I have the honor to shew marginally the name of an officer who has obtained leave of absence & his substitute.

Depart	Rank	Name	Pay per mensem	From	To	Name of Substitute
Sub Collector's Office	Gomastah	[illegible]	14	until recovery from illness		[illegible] Row

Madura
28th June 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 649.

To The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir

Agreeably to the Notification of the 3rd March

1855 published in the Fort St. George Gazette Page 297 of the 9th Idem, I have the honor to shew marginally the name of an Officer who has obtained leave of absence, and his substitute.

Sub[illegible]	Rank	Salary per mensem	Term	to	Name of Substitute
Revd. Tiroomungalum Talook cutchery	Roysom	10 0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Lyptonan				

Madura 6th July 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 707.

To The Civil Auditor
Sir, Fort St. George

Agreeably to the Notification of the 3rd March 1855 published in the Fort St. George Gazette Page 297 of the 9th Idem, I have the honor to shew marginally the name of an officer who has obtained leave of absence & his substitute.

Sub[illegible]	Rank	Name	Salary per mensem	Term	to	Name of the Substitute
[illegible]	Naick	[illegible]	50	6th July 1855	6th Augt. 1855	[illegible] Row

Madura 20th July 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector.

No. 801.

To The Civil Auditor
Sir, Fort St. George.

I have the honor to report the death on the 25th Ultimo of Muttummal widow of the late Zemindar of Muttum in the Talook of Meylore who was in the receipt of a like pension of Rupees 61-13-11 per mensem under the order of Government dated 25th March 1847.

Madura 10th August 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 816.

To The Civil Auditor
Sir, Fort St. George.

In forwarding a Statement of Uncovenanted Servants holding the situation of Sheristadar of every grade in this District as they stood on the 1st May 1855 called for in your letter of the 7th Instant. I have the honor

honor to state that none of them are Christians. 143 281

Madura 13th August 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 823.

To The Civil Auditor

Sir, Fort St. George

Department	Rank	Name	Pay per mensem	From	To	Name of substitute
Huzoor Treasury	Gomastah	Venkat Row	Rs 17 8	1855 10th June	1855 23rd Augt.	Shaikh Imam volunteer

D Agreeably to the Notification of the 3rd March 1855 published in the Fort St. George Gazette Page 297 of the 9th Idem, I have the honor to shew marginally the name of an Officer who has obtained leave of absence, and his substitute.

Madura 14th August 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 104.

From
F. L. Child Esquire
Acting Sub Collector
To
R. D. Parker Esquire
Collector of Madura

Sir,

D I have the honor to request you will be so good as to forward this my application for leave for 2 months under Section XIII of the new Rules, as I have not had leave since December 20th 1852, preparatory to applying for leave to return to Europe on Furlough.

2. I have the honor to represent that I am desirous of my leave being granted as soon as it will be convenient to Government to do so, being desirous to embark early in the month of October.

Dindigul 16th August 1855 } I have &ca.
(Signed) F. L. Child
Ag. Sub Collector

D The Collector begs to recommend that the application may be complied with.

Madura 18th August 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 105.

From F. S. Child Esquire
Ag. Sub Collector
To R. D. Parker Esquire
Collector of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be so kind as to forward this my application for leave to return to Europe, on Furlough for three years under Section XVI, New Rules, from date of embarkation, to embark at Tuticorin or other place on the east coast in the month of October next.

2. I arrived in India in September 1844, and have therefore served nearly 11 years.

Dindigul
16th August 1855

I have &ca.
(Signed) F. S. Child
Ag. Sub Collector

The Collector begs to recommend that this application may be complied with.

Madura
18th August 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 917.

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George.

Sir,

Agreeably to the Notification of the 3rd March 1855 published in the Fort St. George Gazette, page 197 of the 9th Idem, I have the honor to shew marginally the name of an Officer who has obtained leave of absence and his substitute.

Substitute	Name	Pay	From	To	Remarks
Depy. Collr. Dindigul [illegible]	Nagoom(?) Subramanian(?)	Rs. [illegible] 14 [illegible]	25th August 1855	8th Sept.	On [illegible]

Madura
7th September 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 942.

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that my

my Acting Sub Collector. Mr. F. S. Child has availed himself of the leave granted to him in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 24th August 1855 from the 10th Instant.

Madura
12th September 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 949.

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report the arrival of Mr. C. F. Longley my Assistant on the 12th Instant and that he has subscribed before me all the declarations required by Law.

Madura
14th September 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 951.

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Adjustment and closing entries of my Books for the past Official year 1854-55 and request that you will be good enough to affix the same to my Journals, already forwarded to your Office.

Madura
17th September 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 1025.

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George.

Sir,

Agreeably to the Notification of the 3rd March 1855, published in the Fort St. George Gazette, page 297 of the 9th Idem, I have the honor to shew marginally the name of an officer who has obtained leave

Department	Rank	Name	Pay &c. Drawn	Leave &c.	Name of Substitute
Magistrate	Writer	[illegible]	80	Extended 30 from 5th August to [illegible] 1855	[illegible]

leave of absence, and his substitute.

Madura }
8th October 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 1048.

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that Mr. B. Pauncefote Acting Sub Collector received charge of his office on the 11th Instant.

Madura }
13th October 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 1063.

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to the Notification of the 3rd March 1855 published in the Fort St. George Gazette, page 297 of the 9th Idem, I have the honor to shew marginally the name of an officer who has obtained leave of absence, and his substitute.

Office & Rank	Name	Pay per Mensem	Leave from	To	Name of Substitute
Magistrate in the office of the [illegible]	[illegible]	Rs [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Pillay

Madura }
15th October 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 1070.

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the annual Statements of Fusly 1264. as required by your letter of the 10th Ultimo.

Madura }
17th October 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 1096.

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward to you for the purpose of being passed the accompanying bill

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for travelling allowance presented by Mr. Pauncefote the Acting Sub Collector of Madura - I am aware that the more regular course would be for him to forward it himself but to return it to him would sacrifice time

Madura
26th October 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 139.

To
R. D. Parker Esquire
Collector of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to forward my application for one Months leave under Section XIII of the revised absentee rules, to proceed to the Neelgherry Hills on urgent private affairs.

Dindigul
27th October 1855 I have &ca
(Signed) B. Pauncefote
Ag. Sub Collector

The Collector begs to recommend that the within application may be complied with.

Madura
29th October 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

To Civil Auditor
Fort St George

No. 2074.

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 29th Ultimo I have the honor to inform you, that a Bill on the Collector of Tanjore has been this day sent to Mr. Norman in refund of Rupees 92. 5. 5. deducted from his

his special personal allowance for a 3rd Language on account of subscription to the Civil Fund from 15th March 1853 to 31st August 1855.

The Sum of Rupees - 1 - 6 - 7 - was deducted by the Sub Treasurer Fort St. George and was under the instructions of the Accountant General of the 16th February 1855 debited in my Journal for February 1855 to the Head of Civil Fund and credited to that of the General Treasury - I have therefore no means of paying this sum to Mr. Norman, but it is due to him by the Sub Treasurer of Fort St. George.

Madura
17th November 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 2095

To The Civil Auditor
Sir
Fort St. George

With reference to your Audit of Item No. 106 for Fusly 1263. I have the honor to submit an explanation from Mr. J. Clarke[x] - The 9th October 1853. was Sunday Mr. J. Clarke therefore actually commenced his duties as Sub Collector on the 10th but he left Madura for Dindigul soon after noon on the 8th. I took charge of the Collectorate from him as soon as the Treasury could be counted on the 8th.

[x] Letter dated the 7th November 1855

Such a case it appears to me requires to be provided for specially. The Collector did the duty of the day in the 1st December and the Acting Sub Collector in the Sub Division; but Mr. Clarke truly says that he was not idle - He was present at the Principal Catcherry to give over charge, and he travelled 37 miles to his own principal station, accuring expence therein Moreover his Tents were maintained.

A Sub Collector is an Officer deserving of much consideration he is of the same standing, and has much responsibility and labour as a Sub Judge - Yet his salary is 1166.10 only while that of the latter is 1400.80 - At the same time he is under the further dis advantage of

being often obliged to move rapidly for long distances without receiving any Compensation.

Madura }
19th November 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 2103

From R. D. Parker Esqre
Collector of Madura

To J. Lushington Esqre
Civil Auditor

Sir
Fort Saint George

Agreeable to the Notification of the 3rd March 1855, published in the Fort St. George Gazette, Page 297 of the 1st Idem, I have the honor to shew marginally the name of an officer who has obtained leave of absence and his substitute.

Department	Rank	Name	Pay per mensem	From	To	Name of Substitute
Magistrate	Writer	Mr. [illegible]	50 "	[illegible] 30 November/55 [illegible] 8th Octr/55	31st January 1856	[illegible]

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedient Servant
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector.

Madura }
21st November 1855 }

No. 2115

To the Civil Auditor
Sir
Fort Saint George

I have the honor to report that my Acting Sub Collector Mr. B. Pauncefote has availed himself of the leave granted to him in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 6th November 1855 from the 17th Instant.

Madura }
24th November 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector.

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No. 30.

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul

+ Sent by Banghy

Sir I have the honor to forward a Parcel+ containing Stationery to your address & request you will be so good as to acknowledge its receipt.

Madura 11th January 1855. (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 45.

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul

Sir I have the honor to forward herewith Government Petition No. 1792 of 1854 bearing their Endorsement, for delivery to the Sender.

Madura January 1855. (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector.

No. 49

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul

Official Memorandum

The undermentioned Book is forwarded for the use of the Sub Collector, and it is requested that a receipt may be sent for the same.

Madura 20th January 1855. (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

One Copy of Decrees in appeal Suits determined in the Court of Sudder Udalut at Madras.

No. 59

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul

+ By Banghy

Sir I have the honor to forward 2 Padlocks+ with keys received from the Commissary of Ordnance at Trichinopoly for the Box containing Postage Stamps in your Office.

Madura 23rd January 1855. (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector.

No. 60.

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul.

Sir In reply to your letter of the 8th Instant I have the honor to state that I see no objection to

your

your placing the Veloor Moottah wholly under the charge of the Proprietor Paroomal Naick who you report to have attained his majority - The Estate not being under the Court of Wards it does not seem necessary to make a reference to them.

Madura 23rd January 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 70.

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul

Sir I have the honor to forward herewith Board Petition No. 2535 of 1854, bearing their Endorsement for delivery to the Sender.-

Madura 26th January 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector.

No. 76.

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul

Sir, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to furnish me with a List of all Books furnished by Government from time to time for Office use after the close of each Year, with such Remarks as you may have to offer of their state of preservation.

Madura 27th January 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector.

No. 101.

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul

Sir If no longer required, I request that you will be good enough to return the 2 Books noted in the margin which the English Record Keeper says were handed over to you when you were at Madura in the latter part of Decr. last.

Madura 2nd February 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

Maneem Register Book & Copy Book of Jummabundy reports & Pro. &c.

No. 103

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul

Sir, I have the honor to forward herewith Government Petition No. 2147 of 1854, bearing their Endorsement for delivery to the Sender.

Madura 3rd February 1855. (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

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No. 117.

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul

Sir I have the honor to request your early attention to the Board's Proceedings+ of the 19th October 1854, and to my letter No. 1109 of the 15th November 1854 forwarding Copy of a letter received from Lieutenant Hawkes together with an Original list of Oils that accompanied it.

+ Copy furnished on the 9th November 1854.

Madura 9th February 1855. (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 134

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul

Sir I have the honor to request that you will do me the favor of furnishing me with a Return of Schools &ca in your Division agreeably to the form enclosed to enable me to comply with the orders of Government conveyed to me thro the Accountant General.

The greatest despatch is desirable

Madura February 1855. (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 148

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul

Sir I have the honor to transmit an original letter from the Collector of North Arcot dated the 8th February 1855 and to request that you will obtain and forward to me the answers of Sub Division Sheristadar Vencatarow to the questions about the choultry and the Dam.

Madura 15th February 1855. (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 149.

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul

Sir I have the honor to annex Copy of a letter from the Acting Civil Judge of Madura of the 7th Instant with its original enclosure & request that you will be so good as to cause Puttahs to be issued for the lands therein indicated in the name of Gopaul Naick.

Madura 15th February 1855. (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector.

No. 164

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul

Sir, I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying Copies & Translations of the Acts of the Supreme Government specified in the margin

Eng: 28 to 34 of 1854
Mahratta 23-32 of 1852
Tamil 29 of 1854-

Madura 17th February 1855- (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 170

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul

Sir, I have the honor to request that you will cause the delivery of the accompanying Government Petition No. 2881 of 1854 to its Sender-

Madura Dowdanapulty 22d. February 1855- (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 222

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul

Sir, The evidence of Kistnien Smittah Zilladar of Neeranoor being required by the Civil Court in Suit No. 367 of 1854 on the file of the District Moonsiff of Dindigul I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to cause his attendance before the Dindigul Moonsiff on the 22d. Instant-

Madura 14th March 1855- (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 227

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul

Sir I have the honor to inclose an original letter with inclosure from Mr. W. C. Darling at Tinnevelly and to request that you will be good enough to order bullocks to be posted for him from Ammanaickenoor orders have been issued to post at the first 3 Stages mentioned in the List.

to be returned

Madura 16th March 1855- (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 232

To The Sub Collector of Dindigul

Sir, I have the honor to forward herewith the Petition noted in the margin, bearing Governments own Endorsement, for delivery to the Sender

No 355 of 1855

Madura 20 March 1855-

(Signed) R. D. Parker

Collr

149 293

No 292

To The Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir

With reference to the enclosed Indent I have given out to be forwarded to you

50 Sheets of ½ anna Labels

5 Do 1 anna Do

5 Do 4 Do Do

such seeming to be your intention, but you will observe that there is a confusion in the Indent which I request that you will replace by a correct one

Madura
27 March 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr

Postage Stamps Invoice
consigned to the Sub Collector of Dindigul

No of Sheets	Description	Value of each sheet	Total value
50	96 on a sheet, half anna labels	3	150
5	96 on a sheet one anna labels	6	30
5	12 on a sheet, four anna labels	3	15
		Total	195

I acknowledge to have received the above on the March 1855

(Signed)

Sub Collr

No 293

To The Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir I have to request your opinion on the accompanying Original letter & enclosures from the Civil Engineer relative to the construction of a new Treasure Room to the Zaudcumbod Treasury

Madura
27 March 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr

No 294

To The Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir, I have the honor to forward herewith the Petition noted in the margin bearing Board's ... endorsement for delivery to the Sender

277 of 1855

Madura 28 March 1855

Signed R. D. Parker
Collr

To The Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir I have the honor to forward herewith the Petition noted in the margin bearing Board's own Endorsement, for delivery to the Sender — No 2097 1855

Madura 31 March 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker Collr

No 302

Official Memorandum

The undermentioned Books are forwarded for the use of the Sub Collr & it is requested that a receipt may be sent for the same.

Madura 3d April 1855

Signed R. D. Parker Collr

1 Copy of a Selections No I Navigation of the Godavery

1 Do No XII Report on the Chowrynug festival

Do No VIII Proposed plan for the Revenue assessment of Kurnool.

No 305

To The Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir I have the honor to forward herewith the Petitions noted in the margin, bearing Board's own Endorsement, for delivery to the Senders. — Nos 235 - 236 351 & 352 of 1855

Madura 4 April 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker Collr

No 327

To The Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir I have the honor to forward an original letter from the Acting Civil Judge with its Enclosures & request that you will cause the transfer of the Puttah in the name of Peroomal Cowunden the purchaser of the lands therein indicated

Madura 10 April 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker Collr

Official Memorandum 182 295

The undermentioned Books are forwarded for the use of the Sub Collector, & it is requested that a receipt may be sent for the same -

Madura }
10 April 1855 } (signed) R. D. Parker
Coll^r

To the Sub Coll^r Dindigul

1 Copy of Report on the administration of Civil Justice under the Madras Presidency - for 1853.

1 D^o of Selections from the records of the Madras Gov^t N° IX Revenue Survey -

N° 333

To The Sub Collector Dindigul

Nos 5 of 1855

Sir I have the honor to forward herewith the Board Petition noted in the margin, bearing my endorsement, for delivery to the Sender -

Madura }
11th April 1855 } Signed R. D. Parker
Coll^r

N° 340

To The Sub Coll^r Dindigul

Circular Orders of the B^d of Revenue from 1820 to 1850 inclusive translated into Tamil
Vol 1
Part I Land Revenue
" II Extracts
5 Copies

Sir I have the honor to request that the Books noted in the margin may be delivered to the undermentioned as records for their Office (and transferred from time to time on vacation to their successors) obtaining & forwarding receipts for the same -

1 Copy to the Sub Division Sheristadar

4 Copies to the Tahsildars of the Sub Division

Madura }
12th April 1855 } (signed) R. D. Parker
Coll^r

N° 363

To The A/g Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir I have the honor to request that you will be good enough in future to forward a Half Yearly Return of Maps furnished for the use of your Office

Madura 2? April 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker
Coll^r

No. 371

To The Acting Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir, In annexing copy of a letter from the Acting Civil Judge of Madura dated 13 April 1855 with its Inclosures accompanying, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to comply with the request therein contained

Madura
17 April 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 384

To The Acting Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir, I have the honor to request that you will furnish me with a list of any Maps which you may have in your Office.

Madura
24 April 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 388

Official Memorandum

The Collector begs to forward a copy of the Printed Circular order No. 135 of the Sudder Udalut for the use of the Sub Collector's Office and it is requested that a receipt may be sent for the same

Madura
25 April 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 425

To The Acting Sub Collector

Sir, I have the honor to forward a Tamil Memo from the Dindigul Moonsiff and to request that you will be good enough to cause puttahs to be issued in the name of Venkata Soobian for lands purchased by him in auction in Suit No. 228 of 1853 on the file of his Court.

Madura
Maravencolam
8th May 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 426 (157) 297

To The Acting Sub Collector

Sir

Nos. 97 and 219 of 1855 — I have the honor to forward herewith the Petitions noted in the Margin, bearing Government's own Endorsement, for delivery to the senders.

Maravenkolam }
9 May 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

To

The Acting Sub Collector

Sir

In the absence of the Collector on circuit I have the honor to forward to you 6 Copies of the printed forms of Military Serruknamah as requested in your letter of the 5th Instant No. 45.

Madura }
9th May 1855 }

(Signed) J. R. Cockrell
Ag Hd Assistant Collr.

No. 454

Memo

The Collector begs to forward certain Books and Acts as ꝑ memo annexed for the use of Acting Sub Collector and request that a receipt may be furnished for the same.

Madura }
16 May 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

To The Acting Sub Collector
Dindigul

1 Copy of Reports in Important Public Works for 1851
1 Do. of Do. in Important Public Works for 1852
1 Do. of Do. in the administration of Criminal Justice for 1853
Tamil Translations of Acts Nos. XI XVII XIX XXI XXIII and XXIV of 1854 Marattah Translations of Acts Nos. XXIV XXX & XXXIII of 1852 Index of Acts for 1854.
English Acts from 1 to 8 of 1855

No. 464

Official Memo.

The undermentioned Books are forwarded for use of the Sub Collector and it is requested that a receipt may be sent for the same.

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

Madura }
7th May 1855 }

To The Acting Sub Collector
Dindigul

1 Copy of second Report of the Commissioner appointed to enquire into the system of Public Works.

1 Do. of Selections No. III. of 1855 Navigation of the Godavery.

To

The Ag. Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir The Board having called for the periodical returns to reach their Office by the 15th of every month, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to forward your return so as to reach this Office by the 5th to enable me to submit mine in time.

2 I have also to request that you will expedite the transmission of the undermentioned returns for last month.

Return of Persons charged with offence under Regulation IX of 1822.
" in Confinement under Do.
" of Village officers suspended or dismissed under Regulation VI of 1831

(Signed). R D Parker
Collector

Madura }
17 May 1855 }

No. 473

To

The Ag. Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir

In forwarding copy of a letter from the superintendent

of Stamps of the 8th Instant I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to furnish me with a Memorandum shewing the stock of Postage labels on hand on the evening of the 30 April last according to the accompanying form.

I have also to request that you will be good enough to examine stock on hand on the last day of every month and furnish me with an accounts for the same.

I further beg to request that you will examine the stock on hand on the last opening day of October and April and furnish me with an account as required in Para 18 of the Rules for the Custody &c. of the Postage stamps.

Madura }
12 May 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 475

To
The Ag. Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir

No. 429 & 545 of 1855

I have the honor to forward herewith the Petitions noted in the margin, bearing Boards own Endorsements for delivery to the senders;

Madura }
18 May 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 482

Memorandum

The Collector and Magistrate herewith forwards to the Ag. Sub Collr. and Joint Magistrate of Madura one copy of printed circular order Edalut No. 131 and one of Foujdary Edalut No. 205 for the use of his office and begs their receipt may be acknowledged.

Madura Cuttacumputty }
22d. May 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector and Magistrate

No. 482 To The Acting Sub Collector and Joint Magistrate
Dindigul

No. 488

To The Acting Sub Collector

Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Stamps dated the 15 Instant annexing a Form No. 4 of Accounts of Sales and Stock of Postage Stamps and request that you will be good enough to furnish me with your monthly accounts in the same form.

Madura
Mylore 23 May 1855

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 494

To The Acting Sub Collector

Dindigul

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 7th Instant No. 46 I have the honor to forward an original letter from* the Civil Engineer 8th Division dated 19 Idem and to request that if in your power you will peruse the course suggested by Captain Horsely and inform me if you find any difficulty in so doing.

*to be returned

Madura Mylore
25th May 1855

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

Memo

The Collector has the honor to forward the undermentioned Acts for the use of the Sub Collector's Office and begs him to acknowledge the same.

Madura Veerapandy
8th June 1855

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

To The Acting Sub Collector

Dindigul

English Acts Nos. IX to XVI of 1855
Muratta Do. No. XX of 1852

Memo

The Collector has the honor to forward the following Books for the use of the Sub Collr. and requests the acknow-

acknowledgement of the same -

Madura Veerapandy }
8th June 1855 - - - }

(signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

To The Ag. Sub Collector
Dindigul

1 Copy of the selections from the Records of the Madras Government No. I Report on Vaccination

1 Copy of Do. Do. No. V Report of the Annamullay forests.

No. 547

To The Ag. Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to request that the Report on the old well lands which I understand was prepared by Mr. Clarke before he left the Sub Division may be submitted to me without delay as its non-receipt entirely prevents my taking into consideration the important subject to which it realates, on which the Board constantly press to make my Report - If the enclosures are incomplete they can be sent afterwards. I shall, at any rate, be made aware of the proportions which the Report contains -

Draft wanting 5 Sep/66

Madura Ootumpolium }
11th June 1855 - - - }

(signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 572

To The Acting Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir

No. 463 of 1855

I have the honor to forward herewith the Govt. Petition noted in the margin, bearing the Endorsement, for the delivery to the sender.

Madura }
29th June 1855 }

(signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 569

Memo.

The Collector has the honor to forward the undermentioned Book for the use of the Ag. Sub Collector and

request

request that a receipt may be sent for the same.

Madura Aundipully }
16th June 1855 }

(Signed) R D Parker
Collr.

To The Acting Sub Collector
Dindigul

Copy (Selections from the Records of the Madras Govt. No. V Collective memorandum on Public Works.

No. 582

To The Ag. Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith the Petitions noted in the margin, bearing Boards endorsement for delivery to the sender — Nos. 818 and A818 of 1855

Madura }
22d. June 1855 }

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 583

To The Ag Collector
Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith the Board Petitions noted in the margin, and request you will cause their delivery to the sender. — Nos. 753 & 754 of 1855

Madura }
22d. June 1855 }

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 584

To The Ag. Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith the Petition noted in the margin, bearing Boards Endorsement for delivery to the sender. — No. 2321 of 1854

Madura }
22d. June 1855 }

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 603

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To The Ag. Sub Collector

Sir Dindigul

With reference to the Notification of the Military Board dated 31st May last, published in the Fort St. George Gazette Page 652 I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to furnish me with your Indent for stationary for the year 1856 as soon as possible, for transmission by the prescribed date.

Madura }
27 June 1855 }

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 610

To The Ag. Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir

No. 1218 of 1855 with 5 Enclosures
No. 1224 of 1855 with 7 Enclosures

I have the honor to forward herewith the Petitions noted in the Margin bearing Governments own Endorsement for delivery to the sender.

Madura }
28th June 1855 }

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 632

To The Ag. Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir

Nos. 1000 & 1018 of 1855

I have the honor to forward herewith the Petitions noted in the Margin bearing Boards own Endorsements for delivery to the sender.

Madura }
2d July 1855 }

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 635

To

Sir The Acting Sub Collector Dindigul

I have the honor to forward herewith the Petitions noted in the Margin, bearing Boards own Endorsements for delivery to the sender.

Madura }
4th July 1855 }

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 642

To The Acting Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir

With reference to Mr. Clarke's letter of the 27th December 1854 Para 10 upon Boards Petitions in the case of Boundary dispute between the Village of Thoppumpatty and the Amainaiknoor zemindary, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me in what Proceedings the decision of Mr. Davidson then Sub Collector date 10th August 1841 had been upheld by the Board of Revenue as stated by Mr. Clarke in the Para referred to above.

Nos 987 & 988 of 1846 & 2147 of 1853

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura 5th July 1855

No.

Official Memorandum

The undermentioned Books are forwarded for the use of the Ag. Sub Collector & it is required that a receipt may be sent for the same. (Signed) R. D. Parker Collr.

To The Ag. Sub Collector Dindigul

1 Copy of Sections from the records of the Madras Govt. 1855 No. IV

1 Do. of Do. Do. No. VII Report on the Civil

Madura 9th July 1855

No. 661

Memorandum

In requesting the Ag. Sub Collector to make the enquiry directed by the accompanying Yaddast from the Sub Court the Collector observes that the question of the rate of Tax on each Orange, lime Plantain Areca nut Coffee tree and clump of Cardamom Tree having been already determined by the Sub Collector Mr. Clarke by a decision under Regulation V of 1822 Confirmed by the Collr., and not appealed against within the limited time to the Civil Court, need not now be reopened.

Draft Wantry 5 Mar/60

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The point to be decided is whether assuming the rate alluded to above any and if any what amount is due by the alleged defaulters who object before the Sub-Collr.

The papers received from the Sub Court are herewith forwarded.

Madura 11th July 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker Collr.

No. 694

To The Acting Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir I have the honor to forward herewith the Petition noted in the Margin, bearing Governments Endorsement, for delivery to the sender

No. 698 of 1855

Madura 17th July 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 701

Memorandom

The persons adverted to in the Acting Sub Collector's Memorandom of the 16th Instant are reported to have left Madura for his Cutcherry yesterday.

19th July 1855 Madura (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

To The Acting Sub Collector Dindigul

No. 704

To The Ag. Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir With reference to your letter No. 53 dated the 23rd May last I have the honor to furnish you with an Extt from the return of Sherestadars and Tasildars of the service &c. of Gopaul Row formerly Ag. Tasildar of Nellacottah, as it is stood on the 1st May 1855 for the records of your Office.

20th July 1855 Madura (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 705

To The Acting Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir In reply to your letter of the 16th Instant I have the honor to request that you will instruct the Moozoomdar to apply to Zillah Surgeon for the sick certificate as the Pension may be otherwise refused Government order you refer expressly states that these pensions will not any case be claimable as of right. I infer from the whole tenor of the order that the good service pensions will not be frequently granted

Madura 20th July 1855 (signed) R. D. Parker Collector

No. 711

Madura 20th July 1855

Memo

With reference to the Sub Collector's memo of the 17th Instant the Collector begs to forward 2 printed forms of Price current for a month's use a further supply will be finished as soon as a supply is received from the Board of Revenue to whom an Indent was yesterday forwarded.

(Signed) R. D. Parker Collr

To The Sub Collector Dindigul

No. 712

Official Memo

The undermentioned Acts are forwarded for the records of the Sub Collector's Office and it is requested that a receipt may be sent for the same.

(signed) R. D. Parker Collector

Madura 20th July 1855

To The Sub Collector Dindigul

Tamil Translations of Acts No. XXII & XXXIII of 1854
Do. of Do. No. IX of 1855

No. 719

To The Acting Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir I have the honor to enclose a Govt. Petition No. 1520 of 1855, and request you will be good enough to propose an Endorsement thereon, returning to me the Petition

at the same time.

Madura
23rd July 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 734

No. 408-611 & 1312 of 1855

To The Acting Sub Collector Dindigul
Sir
I have the honor to enclose the Govt. Petitions noted in the Margin and request you will cause their delivery to the parties.

Madura
25th July 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 735

To The Ag. Sub Collector Dindigul
Sir
I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to comply with the request con-

2d July 1855 No. 230

=tained in the accompanying copy of a letter from the Ag. Civil Judge of Madura its original enclosure.

Madura
25th July 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 745

To The Ag. Sub Collector Dindigul
Sir
In reply to your letter of the 25th Instant No. 87, I have the honor to state that you were not authorized to cash the Draft enclosed and herewith returned - or any drafts whatever without previous instructions from the Accountant General, wh. in all probability would be given only through me. The Government of Ceylon communicates with the Government or Accountant General at Madras, and the latter sends a letter of advice to pay to the individual who shall produce a certain certificate. The paper given to you appears to me a very suspicious document.

Madura
28 July 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 751

To The Acting Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir I have the honor to enclose Board Petition No 1384 of 1855 for delivery to the sender.

Madura }
30 July 1855 }
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Foot note in the copy of the Board's Proceedings 27 July 1855 furnished to the Ag Sub Collector relative to the alienations of lands made by the late zemindar of Ayacoody to his brothers and relatives.

The Acting Sub Collr is requested to carry the Board's orders into effect with reference to Mr Clarke's letter of the 30th Ultimo

Madura }
31st July 1855 }
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 761

To The Acting Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir In reply to Mr Clarke's letter of the 11th April last, I have the honor to state my opinion that under the Decree of the Sudr Udalut quoted, it is competent to the Manager of the Village Dawustanoms as well as those of the large Establishments to dismiss the Incumbents of Merasee Officers in the Pagodas subject

Madura }
1 August 1855 }
(Signed) R D Parker
Collr.

No. 766

To The Acting Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir I have the honor to enclose Board Petitions Nos 1377 & 2117 of 1855 for delivering to the parties.

Madura }
1st August 1855 }
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 772

Official Memorandum

The undermentioned Book is forwarded for the use of the Ag Sub Collr and it is requested that a receipt may be sent for the same

(Signed) R. D Parker
Collr.

Madura 4th August 1855

To The Ag Sub Collr

1 Copy of Sections from the Records of the Madras Government 1855 No. VI

1 Do. Do. of Do. Do. No. VIII

1 Do. of the Proceedings and Correspondence Connected with the late Public Works Commission;

No. 785

Official Memorandum

The undermentioned Book is forwarded for the use of the Ag. Sub Collector and it is requested that a receipt may be sent for the same.

Madura
8th August 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

To
The Ag. Sub Collector Dindigul

1 Copy of the Sections from the Madras Govert. 1855 No. XII

No. 786

To The Acting Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir

In forwarding to you the accompanying Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 19th July last No. 1820, I have the honor to request that you will issue immediate orders for the reduction of the Totum Teervah in Pombaray and other Villages in the Upper range to 4½ Frs Rs. -15-3 per Cooly and for imposing 15 Frs per Cooly on all future clearings in the lower range for Plantains. As this high rate is fixed with a view to prohibition it should be from the date of the clearing.

With the same view, Vizt. prohibition, the Board adhere to the tax of 10 Frs in the present Plantain Gardens. It seems doubtful to me, however, whether a reduction would not answer to purpose better, in as much as, in respect to these gardens the mischief of cutting down the trees has been already completed and what seems desirable is to induce the Ryots to be contented with these and abstain from further inroads in the Forest. If a mere poonjah tax be placed on existing gardens the contrast between and the high tax on the first clearings would be so great that the Ryots it

appears

Draft wanting 3 Sept 1860

This letter is not clear for want of Draft

appears to me would have the strongest temptation to fit their ordinary Poonjah lands for plantain cultivation - and it is my idea at present to bring this point again under the consideration of the Board. Before doing so I shall be glad to receive your opinion after consulting with your Sheristadar and other Public Servants and some of the intelligent Ryots whether a reduction would in conjunction with the teerva on first clearings, have the effect I hope from it or whether on the countrary, the Board's proposal to leave the Teervah on existing Gardens at 10 Fas would prove the best preservation of the forest. If the latter be the result anticipated it will be necessary to state the grounds of the opinion somewhat — You will agree with me that they are not at all obvious. Possibly the Board may suppose that under the teerva of 10 Fanams existing Gardens will be allowed to resort to forest and then can be thus obtained, but you will observe that there is nothing in their orders to prohibit the cultivation of ordinary Poonjah produce on this mylaud on a tax of 3 Fanams per Gooly and no obvious reason therefore why then the plantain decay the land should be abandoned altogether.

I have a further object in desiring a reduction on existing Plantain Gardens, viz to compensate the Ryots for the increased tax on Poonjah when cultivated Cumboo Raghy &c which I am not disposed to think too high for the quantity of land and likely to be altered by the Board. I would wish you ascertain how far it will act as such a compensation. It may be said that the reduction will be enjoyed by one Ryot and the increase fall on another but will this be the case in the long run

You are of Course at liberty to add any arguments you have for the reduction of the Poonjah tax.

Madura }
8th August 1833 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 809

Memo The Collector begs to forward the undermentioned Acts for the use of the Ag. Sub Collector and it is requested that a receipt may be sent for the same.

Madura
13th August 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker Collr.

To The Acting Sub Collector Dindigul
English Act No. XVII of 1855
Tamil Do. No. XVIII of 1854 & X of 1855

No. 812

To The Ag. Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir The Endorsement proposed by you on the enclosed Government Petition No. 1520 of 1855 (to be returned to the party), being approved of by me, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to let the Petitioner have a copy of it from your Office.

Madura
13th August 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker Collr.

No. 813

To The Acting Sub Collector Dindigul

Nos. 1473 1595 & 2906 of 1855

Sir I have the honor to forward the Board Petitions numbered as in the margin and request you will be good enough to cause their delivery to the Senders.

Madura
13th August 1855 (Signed) R. D. Parker Collr.

No. 827

To The Acting Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir In reply to your letter of the 3rd Instant I have the honor to state that my direction to pay the Fines to the Zemindar was founded on an order of the Board of Revenue dated the 5th September 1850 copy of which is annexed, to pursue this course in regard to certain fines if imposed in the Shevagungah Zemindary.

On reconsidering this order, however it seems to me to have reference to fines imposed under Reg V of 1804 only and I agree with you in thinking that there are

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are many reasons why fines in general collected in Zemindaries should be carried to the Account of Governt. You may therefore consider the instruction contained in my Yadast as cancelled.

Madura }
15th August 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 837

To
The Acting Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir
With reference to my letter of the 5th July last, and the Extract from the Board's Proceedings, herewith sent in the case of the boundary dispute between the Village Thoppumpatty and the Ammainaiknoor Zemindary, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to afford me the information therein required as soon as possible.

Madura 18th August 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 849

To The Ag. Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir
I have the honor to request that you will report to me the state of the Season and price of grain in the Sub Division on the 7th and 21st of each month, till further instructions to enable me to comply with the enclosed order of the Board of Revenue.

I shall make my first report at once without waiting for further information and address the Board on the subject again on the 10th Proximo.

Madura }
23d August 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collr.

No. 851

To
The Ag. Sub Collector Dindigul

In reply to the Memo of the Ag. Sub Collector of the 21st Instant No. 33 the Collector begs to inform

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No 851

Memo

In reply to the Memo of the Acting Sub Collector of the 21st Instant No 33 the Collector begs to inform him that the limitation as to the period of Appeal applies only to cases decided by the Magistracy in which Fines may have been imposed The orders now appealed against were passed in the Revenue Department, and the Collector must ascertain the merits of the case to enable him to answer any reference from Superior authority. The Acting Sub Collector is therefore requested to forward the Papers.

Madura
24th August 1855 }

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

To The Acting Sub Collector
Dindigul

No 862

To The Acting Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir

4 copies of the Official &c Descriptive Catalogue of the Madras Exhibition of 1855

I have the honor to request that the Books noted in the margin may be delivered to the undermentioned person and their receipts forwarded to me

I have &ca

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

Permal Naik Moottadar of Vaitoor
Coollama Naik Renter
Ponniah Maneyagaren in Dindigul
Copposawmy Naik

Madura
28th August 1855 }

No 870

Memo

The Collector has the honor to forward the undermentioned

Book for the use of the Acting Sub Collector and requests that a receipt may be sent for the same

Madura
30th August 1855 } (signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

To The Acting Sub Collector
Dindigul

1 Copy of the Official & Descriptive Catalogue of the Madras Exhibition of 1855

No. 873

To

The Acting Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 21st July last No. 82 I have the honor to inform you that the cash Receipt therewith received having been changed for a Draft of the Paymaster Trichinopoly on my treasury. I have issued an order to the Tasheldar of Sandicomboo to pay you the sum of Rupees 10 " - " therein mentioned for payment to Umbalavanum Pillay of Dindigul

The letter from the Officer commanding Bangalore is herewith returned

Madura
30th August 1855 } (signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 884

Memo

In reply to the Acting Sub Collector's Memo No. 110 of the 28th Instant the Collector has the honor to state that it was not at all his intention to hint that the Acting Sub Collector was actuated by any other than a proper motive in addressing the agent to the Renter of the Ammiyanoor Zemindary by Takeed instead of by Yadast. It would appear however that there has been a change of form which must of course be keenly felt, and the Collector thinks that this had better be avoided, and therefore requests that the former practice of a Yadast may be renewed. He leaves it entirely at the option of the Acting Sub Collector

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to adopt the form of yaddastsenust in his communications with the other zemindars or Renters. He cannot but avow his own opinion that the circumstance of Mr D. Fondclaire being a European Gentleman does entitle him to consideration in the mode of addressing him & that the exhibition of this much courtesy towards him is not likely to be misunderstood by the natives

Madura }
31st August 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker

No 888

To

The Acting Sub Collector
Dindigul

I have the honor to transmit for your perusal accompanying original communication No 491 under date the 28th August 1855, relative to District maps and to request that you will furnish me, at your earliest convenience with the list requested as far as the Sub division in concerned. I should be glad of it drawn up in the form adopted by Mr Bourdillon

As it will be sufficient for your purpose to read and make a few notes from the letters now sent. I request that you will do me the favor to return them immediately

Madura }
1st September 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 910

Official Memo

The undermentioned Circular orders of the Court of Sudder Udalut are forwarded for the records of the Sub Collector's office and it is requested that a receipt may be sent for the same

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

To

The Acting Sub Collector of Madura

No 132 dated 3rd April 1854
" 133 " 3d October "

No 124 dated 2nd October 1854

" 136 " 26th June 1855

Madura
6th September 1855

No 927

The Collector has the honor to send by the hands of the Sub Dn Sherestadar the seals of the Sub Collector, 2 keys one of a table and another of the box containing labels now at Dindigul and two bundles of Olais under Mr Child Seal. The Sub Collector Cutcherry have been desired to attend upon Mr Cockerell

Madura
10th September 1855

(signed) R D Parker
Collector

To The Acting Hd Assistant Collector
Madura

No 936

To

The Acting Hd Assistant Collector
in charge the Sub Division
Madura

Sir

In forwarding Copy of a letter with its original enclosure from the Acting Civil Judge Madura I have the honor + to be returned to request that you will cause Puttahs to be issued in the name of the Plff for the lands therein described

Madura
12th September 1855

(signed) R D Parker

No 937

Memo

With reference to Mr Childs Memo of the 7th Instant No 114 the Acting Hd Assistant Collector in charge of the Sub Division is informed that printed forms of Nerecknamahs will be furnished when a supply is received from Madras for which an Indent has been made & in the meantime he is requested to use manuscript forms

Madura
12th September 1855

(signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 964 | 161 | 317

To

J R Cockerell Esquire
Acting Hd Assistant Collr in charge of
Sub Collectors Office
Madura

Sir

B. Nos 1193 & 2356 of 1855 — I have the honor to enclose the petitions noted in the Margin & request you will cause their delivery to the parties

I have &c &c

Madura
18th September 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 965

Memo

With reference to the Acting Sub Collector's Memo of the 21 Ultimo the Collector begs to forward for record copies of the Circular orders of the Sudr & Fouzdary Udalut as noted in the margin. The numbers 132 to 134 were furnished on the 6th Instant on which date they were received from the Civil Court

Foudy 152 to 190 B to F

Sudr 90 to 93

The numbers noted in the margin are not forthcoming in the records

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

Sudr 78 to 89
Foudy 154 to 155 & 157
203 & 204

To The Acting Hd Assistant Collr
in charge of the Sub Dn
Madura

Madura
18th September 1855 }

No 984

Official Memmorandum

The undermentioned Book is forwarded for the use of the Sub Collector & it is requested that a receipt may be sent for the same

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

To The Acting Hd Assistant Collector
in charge of the Sub Do.
Madura

1 Copy Relating to the Revision of the village accounts

Madura
22nd September 1855

No 987

To

The Acting Hd Assistant Collector in charge
of the Sub Collector's Office
Madura

Sir

I have the honor to enclose Board petition No 1708 of 1855 and request you will cause its delivery to the party

I have &c &c
Madura
25th September 1855
(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 998

To

The Acting Hd Assistant Collr. in charge of the Subdivision

Sir

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date I have the honor to inform you that you should send an order to Comarapah pillay late Manager of the Dindigul Davastanum acquainting him with his dismissal by order of the Board of Revenue and requiring him to deliver up the keys of the Pagoda within 3 days to the Tashildar of Taudicombo, who will report whether he obeys the order or not should he disobey doors can be broken open by the Tashildar in presence of persons selected from respectful people of all castes at Dindigul and a fresh lock & keys prepared. Before this is done however a successor should be appointed in order that he may be ready at once to take charge of the property. I beg therefore that you will take measures to ascertain the wishes of the Dindigul Community & recommend a person stating the grounds of preference in the mean while the Tashildar's seal should be placed

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on the pagoda doors in order that Comarapah pillay may not remove anything

When the new Manager takes charge all the property should be well examined in the presence of the Tashildar and enumerated in receipt to be given by the Manager attested by the respectable persons mentioned in the first parah

Madura } (Signed) R D Parker
28th September 1855 } Collector

No 1002

To

J R Cockerell Esquire
Acting Hd Assistant Collr
In charge of Sub Collr's Office
Madura

Sir

Nos 1624 1629 & 1847 of 1855

I have the honor to forward the Government petitions as numbered in the Margin for delivery to the parties

Madura } (Signed) R D Parker
29th September 1855 } Collector

No 1059

To

The Acting Sub Collector

Sir

I have the honor to request you will expediate the despatch of the Statement referred to in Mr Childs letter of the 29th June last regarding old Garden Wells

Madura } (Signed) R D Parker
15th October 1855 } Collector

No 1054

Memorandum

The undermentioned Books are forwarded for the use of the Acty Sub Collector, and it is requested that a receipt may be sent for the same

Madura } (Signed) R D Parker
15th October 1855 } Collector

To The Acting Sub Collector

Madura

1 Copy of the Selections from the Madras Govt. No XIII General Report of the road Department

1 Copy of Do Do No XVI Memorandum on Salt

No 1992

To

The Sub Collector Dindigul

I request to be informed whether you have received Doctor Balfours report on the Iron Ores of the Madras presidency, I suppose that you have done so and will report to Govt. direct, but wish to be certain —

Madura
24th October 1855

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 2012

To

The Acting Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to forward the petitions noted in the margin for delivery to the senders — Bd. petitions Nos 2862 & 3022 of 1855 with 1 enclosure

Madura
29th October 1855

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 2013

To

The Acting Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir

In forwarding Board petition No 2039 of 1855 bearing my Endorsement for delivery to the Zemindar of Cadavoor in Ramacherry I have the honor to request you will adopt measures to prevent Zemindary curnum being unnecessarily detained

Madura
30th October 1855

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 2018

To

The Acting Sub Collector
Dindigul

I have the honor to forward petition No 1816 of 1855 bearing Governments own Endorsement for delivery to the sender — with 3 enclosures

Madura
31st October 1855

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 2034 163 321

To

The Acting Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to forward Board petition No 2128 of 1855 for delivery to the party

Madura 6th November 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 2056

Official Memo

The Collector begs to forward the undermentioned Acts for the use of Acting Sub Collector & it is requested that a receipt may be sent for the same

Madura 13th November 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collector

To The Acting Sub Collector
Dindigul

English Act No XVIII, XIX
and XX of 1855
Tamil Do No XIV, XVIII of Do

No 2067

To

The Acting Sub Collector

Sir

I have the honor to forward the undermentioned printed forms for use of your office and request an acknowledgment thereof

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I have the honor &ca

Madura 14th November 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 2096

Memo

The Collector has the honor to forward the undermentioned Books for the use of the Ag. Sub Collr and requests that a receipt may be sent for the same

Madura 19th November 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collector

To The Ag. Sub Collector
Dindigul

1 Copy of the Proposed General Revenue Survey of the Madras Presidency

No 2099

To

The Acting Sub Collector

Dindigul

Sir,

I regret to feel unable to pass that item of your Bill[+] for Extra Tent allowance dated 14th Instant, which consists of a charge of 15-12-" or 3 days allowance for proceeding by Dawk to Kodaykanal on the pulney Hills. Your doing this did not arise from necessity but for your own convenience, and your Tents did not I imagine follow you

+ Returned

The cases which the Board contemplated in their letter of of the 23rd July 1849 are very different. One in which the Collr or his Subordinates is obliged for the convenience of public business to send his Tents on before he himself can start, under which circumstances he can charge Extra Tent allowances while the Tents are travelling. The other is when the Collector is obliged to go to Poodoocottah by Dawk to save time. He is then put to expence entirely for the service of Government and as he receives no remuneration for this duty, the Board of Revenue allow him to draw Extra Tent allowance

Madura
19th November 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 2105

To

The Acting Sub Collector

Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to forward Government petition No 2162 of 1855 for delivery to the sender

Madura
21st November 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 2120 164 323

Memo

The Collector has the honor to forward to the Head Assistant Collector in Charge of the sub Division 25 Hindoostanee Copies of the Proclamation of the fall of Sebastopol for Circulation in the sub Division.

Madura
26 November 1855

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

To J. R. Cockerell Esqr. Head Ass. Collector
in charge of the sub Dn.
Dindigul

No. 2145

To
The Head Asst. Collector In charge
of the sub Division
Dindigul

Sir

With refence to the letters from your office noted in the margin I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to furnish me with a list of service of Tiroomul Row at your earliest Convenience to accompany the Register of application for a superannuation pension

16 July 1855
8 November ..

Madura
7th December 1855

I have &ca
(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 2160

To
The Head Asst. Collector in Charge
of the sub Division
Dindigul

Sir

The account of sales and stock of Postage stamps received from you not being in the form furnished with my letter of the 23d May 1855 No. 400. I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to forward your future Account According to it

Madura
7th December 1855

I have &ca
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No 2165

To The Head Assistant Collector in Charge
of the Sub Division

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a Tamil List of the District Moonsiff of Dindigul received from the Asst Civil Judge of Madura & to request that you will Cause Puttahs to be issued in the name of the Plff for the lands therein described

Madura }
8th December 1855 }

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No 2171

To The Head Asst. Collector in Charge
of Sub Division
Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to forward the Petition noted in the margin, bearing Governments own Endorsement for delivery to the sender.

No 2151 of 1855 with 3 Enclosures

Madura }
11th December 1855 }

And to be Sir
(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No 2179

Official Memo

The Collector begs to forward the undermentioned Acts of the Supreme Government for use of the Sub Collector and it is requested that a receipt may be sent for the same

English No XXI XXII, XXIII, XXIV and XXV of 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

To

The Sub Collector
Dindigul

No. 2187

To

The Head Assistant Collector Incharge of Sub Division

Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to forward for delivery to the party, Government Partition No. 2655 of 1855 bearing my Endorsment

And to be Sir

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 2189

To

The Head Assistant Collector
In charge of the Sub Division

Dindigul

Sir

Under instructions from the Board of Revenue I have the honor to forward 2 Mahratta Translations of the Governor Generals Proclamation relative to the fall of Sebastapal for distribution among the Principal Rrevenue officers whose language is Mahratta

I have Sir

Madura
15 December 1855

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 2210

To

The Acting Sub Collector

Dindigul

Sir

A Zilladar Vencut Row in the Tadicomboo Talook having objected to obey an order to present him self before the Tahsildar of Iyempully for the purpose of settling some of his accounts as Maramut Gomastah was, during your absence, suspended and summoned to Madura by My order. he has appeared and assigns as the reson for his reluctance to go to Iyempully, the Circumstance of his having when maramut Goomasta abused him and Caused him to be pushed by the back of the neck. I have desired him to go at once to Iyempully and request that you will give a strong warning to the Tassildare, that you will make a strict inquiry into any Complaint

of ilitreatement which may be prefered by this individual

Madura }
20th December 1855 }

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 2214

To

The Acting Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to forward Boards Petition No 2217 of 1855 for delivery to the sender:

And to be
Sir
Your Most obedt. Servant
(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 2226

To

B. Tanceforte by acting Sub Collector

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 24th Inst. I have the honor to inform you that I shall feel unable to pass your Bill for double extra Tent Allowance on the 30 & 31st October last. Koday Kannil is a long distance from the Veeroopathee Hills the regular and nearest approach to which is by an Other's Pass. your admit also that the Chief object of your travilling dawk was your own Convenience and do not Mention that any Monshee was ready at Koday Kannil to enter on business with you there on your arrival - Under thies Circumstances I deem it Obligatory on me to return your Bill Correction

Madura }
26 December 1855 }

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 2231st

To

The acting Sub Collector

as may be found necessary
I have the Honor to transmit for such enquiry the accompanying Petn. Received by Tappal and to suggest the propriety of your making an early Circuit in the Ramaghere Talook

Madura
27th December 1855

(signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 2232

To

The acting Sub Collector
Dindigal

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 24th Inst. I have the Honor to state that the Form which is referred to in my letter of the 23d May 1855 is the inclosed according to which I request that you will in future send your Accounts.

Madura
27th December 1855

(signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No. 2236

Official Memo

The Collector begs to forward for the use of the Acting Sub Collector the act of the Supreme Govt. noted in the margin & requests that a receipt may be furnished for the same.

(signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

To
The acting Sub Collector
Dindigal

Madura
29th December 1855

No. 2239

To

The Acting Sub Collector

Sir

Dindigual

I have the honor to forward the Petitions noted in the margin bearing Government and Board's Endorsements, for delivery to the Petitioners

Madura
29th December 1855

(signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 2240

To

The Sub Collector

Sir

Dindigul

I have the honor to forward a Parcel of stationary received from the Superintendant of Stationary at Fort St. George to your address and request that you will be so good as to acknowledge its receipt.

Madura
28 December 1855

(signed) R D Parker
Collector

Exd
Xavierswamy Ayrugan
10 Sept 1860

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No 13

Register of 3 Bills forwarded to the Collector of Tanjore for adjustment in his account

An acknowledgement for the same is requested –

1 Bill drawn by Mr A H Phillips special asst. to the Collector and Magistrate of Tanjore for his salary for the Month of November 1854 - - - - 733 5 4

Deduct Civil Fund at 6¼ percent 45 13 4

687 8 ..

1 Do for fixed Tent allowance for Do - - 42 .. ..

1 Do for House rent for Do - - - 35 .. ..

Total Rupees 764 8 ..

Madura 4th January 1855 (Signed) R D Parker Collector

No 15

To The Collector of Chingleput

Sir, With reference to my letter of the 5th December last No 1190 I have the honor to inform you that, agreeably to the request of the Peon Veerasamy Naik of your Establishment who escorted Prisoner Sashacharlu, Rupees 7 Vizt Rs 3 8 .. on account of his pay in arrears for December 1854 & Rs 3 8 - in advances for Jany 1855, have been paid to him from my Treasury and the same debited to your Collectorate and I request that you will be good Enough to give me a Corresponding Credit in your accounts –

I have &c

Madura 5th January 1855 (Signed) R D Parker Collector

No 43

Register of 3 Bills forwarded to the Collector of Tanjore for adjustment in his account

An acknowledgement for the same is requested –

1. Bill drawn by Mr A W Phillips special asst. to the Collector and Magistrate of Tanjore for his salary for the month of December 1854 - - - - - - 733 5 4

Deduct Civil Fund at 6¼ per cent	45	13	4
	687	8	
1 Do. for fixed Tent allowance for Do.	42	..	..
1 Do. for House rent for Do.	35	..	..
Total Rupees	764	8	..

Madura } (Signed) R D Parker
18th January 1855 } Collector

No. 46

Received 2 Registers from the Collector of Tinnevelly bearing dates 5th and 10th January 1855 each with 3 & 3 Bills
Madura 18th January /55 (Signed) R D Parker Collector
To C J Bird Esquire Collector of Tinnevelly

No. 55

To The Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir, I have the honor to request that you will cause the accompanying Petition* bearing the endorsment of Government to be delivered to the Right Revd. D. A Canoze (Signed) R D Parker
Madura 23d. January 1855 Collector

*No. 2313 of 1854

No. 90

Received from the Collector of Tinnevelly a Register with 2 Bills, bearing date 17th January 1855
Madura 31st Jany 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker Collr
To C J Bird Esqre Collr of Tinnevelly

No. 112

Recd the Regr with a Bill from the Collr of Tinnevelly bearing date 29th January 1855 (Signed) R D Parker Collr
Madura 8th Feby 1855
To C J Bird Esqre Collr of Tinnevelly

No. 140 (168) 731

Received from the Collector of Tinnevelly a Register with a Bill bearing date 8th February 1855

Madura 15th February 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

To C. J. Bird Esqre. Collr. of Tinnevelly

No. 161.

To The Collr. of Tanjore

Sir,

Having been instructed by the Accountant General to dispatch to you a remittance of 3 Lacs of Rs. I have the honor to request that you will inform me by return of Post to which Town you wish it sent, as I understand that Tanjore is not the seat of your treasury, & possibly the Money may be required for shipment at Negapatam.

I have &c.
(Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

Madura 17th Feby. 1855.

No. 168.

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

With reference to your Indent of the 14th Instant No. 163 I have the honor to forward 5 sheets of Labels of 4 Annas value as therein requested, the receipt of which may be acknowledged.

I have &c.
(Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

Madura Pettay Agraharum 19th Feby. 1855 }

No. 184.

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

The enclosed Proceedings which should have been sent to you are herewith forwarded.

I have &c.
(Signed) R. D. Parker Collector

Kodakanel 26th February 1855. }

No.

To The Collector of Tanjore

Sir,

In pursuance of the instructions received from the Accountant General dated 7th Instant, I have this day dispatched to you the Sum of Rs. (300000) Three Lacs in charge of a guard Commanded by Jamadar Maurimootoo No 228 of the E. Company 51st Regiment Native Infantry as pr. original Invoice enclosed - The original receipt of the Jamidar is also enclosed - + by the Poodoocottah route

I have &c

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

Madura 28th Feby 1855

I do hereby Certify that I received under my Charge from the Collector of Madura 50 Boxes on 17 Bandies Said to Contain Treasure to the amount of Compy. Rupees (300000) Three Lacs to be delivered to the Collr. of Tanjore, together with the Sum of Compy. Rupees 15 for Lamp oil on the road -

Madura 28th Feby 1855.

No.

To The Collector of Tanjore

Sir,

In pursuance of the instructions received from the Accountant General dated 7th Instant, I have this day dispatched to you the Sum of Rupees (300000) Three Lacs in charge of a guard Commanded by Jemidar Maurimootoo No 228 of the E. Company 51st Regiment Native Infantry as pr. duplicate Invoice Inclosed.

The duplicate receipt of the Jemidar is also Inclosed -

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector.

Madura
28th Feby 1855

To The Collector of 169 333
Sir, Tinnevelly

In the absence of the Collr on Circuit I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me of the probable date on which your Remittance to the Presidency may be expected at Madura to enable me to have in readiness a remittance from this Treasury by the same Escort —

I have &ca

(Signed) J R Cockrell
Asst Collr

Madura
2d March
1855

178 335

To The Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

In reply to your letter under date 1st March 1855 I have the honor in the continued absence of the Collr. to refer you to my letter dated the 2d Instt from which you will observe that the remittance to be made from this Treasury is two Lacs of Rupees and that I have addressed the Officer Commanding Southern Division on the subject of the escort —

I have &c.

(Signed) J R Cockerell
Asst. Collr.

Madura
6th March
1855

171 337

To The Collector of
Sir, Trichinopoly

In reply to your letter of the 1st Instant I have the honor in the absence of the Collector to inform you that a Remittance of Two Lacs of Rupees is to be made from this Treasury. The date on which it may be expected to reach Trichinopoly will be communicated to you as soon as I am informed of the probable date of the arrival of the Tinnevelly remittance here –

I have &c.

Madura (Signed) J. R. Cockerell
6th March Asst Collr
1855

Duplicate 172 339

Received from the Collector of Madura in good order and well Conditioned, 50 Boxes said to Contain Treasure to the amount of Companys Rupees (300000) Three Lacs to be delivered to the Collector of Tanjore

Madura 28th February 1855

No

To The Collector of Tanjore

Sir, In reply to your letter Dated February 27th I have, in the absence of the Collector, the honor to inform you that the Escort with the remittance for Tranquebar as per your letter of the 21st February 1855 has already left this place and that therefore it is impossible to comply with your request I have &c

Madura
2d March 1855 (Signed) J. R. Cockerell
Assistant Collector

No 198

To The Collector of Tanjore

Sir, With reference to my letter of the 28 Ultimo I have the honor to request that you will cause 50 boxes Containing the remittance of 3 Lacs of Rupees transmitted to you under date the 28th Ultimo to be returned to me by the return bandies I have &c

Madura Kodekanul
3d March 1855 (Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 201

Received a Register with a bill from the Collector of Tinnevelly dated 26th February 1855

Madura Dawadanapully
9th March 1855 (Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 207

To The Collector of North Arcot

Sir, In answer to your letter of the 8th February last

I have the honor to transmit Copy of a letter from C. Venkut Row Sheristadar of the Sub Division to the Sub Collector

Madura Davidamputty } (Signed) R D Parker
9th March 1855 } Collector

No. 212

Register of 3 Bills forwarded to the Collector of Tanjore for adjustment in his accounts.

An acknowledgement for the same is requested.

1 Bill drawn by Mr. A W. Phillips Special assistant to the Collector and Magistrate of Tanjore for his salary for the month of January 1855	733	5	4
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	687	8	
1 Do. for Fixed Tent allowance for Do.	42	..	
1 Do. for House rent for Do.	35	..	
Total Company's Rupees	764	8	..

Madura Buttalagoontah } (Signed) R D Parker
10th March 1855 } Collector

No. 213

Received a Register with a Bill from the Collector of Tinnevelly dated 28th February 1855 No. 220.

Madura Buttlagoontah } (Signed) R D Parker
10th March 1855 } Collector

To C. J. Bird Esqr.
Collector of Tinnevelly

No. 220

Register of 5 Bills forwarded to the Collector of Salem for adjustment in his accounts.

An acknowledgement of the same is requested.

1 Bill of Pay of Peons guarding Convicts transferred from the Zillah jail of Salem to Paumben from October 1854 to January 1855	144	..	
1 Do. of Contingent Charges for December 1854	17	8	7
Company's Rupees	161	8	7

Madura } I have &c
14th March 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 15. 173 Exchange for C. R.s 14 ...

To the Collector of

Tinnevelly 741

Sir

Having rec.d from Captain W. H. Horsley Civil Engineer & 7th Dn. the Sum of C. R.s 14, I request you will at sight of this my only Bill of Exchange pay the said Sum of C. R.s to Asst. Surgeon McNair 7th Dn. on acc.t of 2 Maistry Apprentice doing duty under his orders, which will be credited to you in my acc.ts for the Current Month

Signed R. D. Parker
Coll.r

Madura
Coll.rs Office
Battalagoondah
10th March /55

174 / 343

No.

To The Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 6th Instt, I have the honor in the absence of the Collector to inform you that the Collector of Tinnevelly has intimated that his remittance will be despatched on the 15th & will probably reach Madura on the 26th Instant, & I expect that the same will reach Trichinopoly with the remittance of 2 Lacs from this Treasury on or about the 6th Proximo

Madura 13th March 1855 } (Signed) J R Cockerell Asst. Collr.

No 233

To The Collector of Coimbettoor

Sir,

You will observe from the annexed Extract* from the Minutes of Consultation of Government that the bridge over the Amravutty River has been sanctioned in the Madura District, though no application has been made for the purpose either by the Civil Engineer or myself. As the want of Madura Villages near the spot, & the construction of the Bridge over the Shunmooganuddee River, wh. will soon be sanctioned, will render the execution of the Estimate in question by Madura exceedingly difficult, I have the honor to request your permission to propose that it may be transferred to Coimbatore.

*27th Feby 1855

Captn. Hordley desirous me to inform you that he has not recd. his Estimate for Amravutty Bridge from the Board of Revenue

Madura 17th March 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker Collr.

To

No. 240

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

With reference to the annexed letter from the Board of Revenue, I have the honor to express my opinion that it is far more desirable that the Exhibitions for Tinnevelly & Madura should be separate than joint, and if you concur will answer the Board of Revenue accordingly. Whether Madura goes to Tinnevelly or Tinnevelly to Madura, the distance from various parts of the large area will be such as to deter the Inhabitants from exhibiting or attending.

Madura 20th March 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker Collector

No. 253

To The Sub Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21st Inst. I have the honor to forward Copy of an Urzee from the Tasildar of Teroomungalom.

Madura 22d March 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker Collector

No. 274

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 22d Instant I have the honor to forward by Banghy the printed forms of Sea Custom Manifests &ca. noted in the Margin as therein requested.

Export Manifests 100
Import do 150
Port Clearances in blanks 3 quire

Madura 27th March 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker Collr.

No. 280

Received the Register with a Bill from the Collr. of Tinnevelly bearing date 23d March 1855.

Madura 29th March 1855 (Signed) R D Parker Collr.

To C J Bird Esqre. Collr. of Tinnevelly

No 290.

To The Collector of

Sir, Tanjore

In returning your Register No 217 of the 21st March 1855 with 4 Bills of Salary & allowances of Mr. Norman for the Month of Decr. 1854 I have the honor to point out that no Civil fund has been deducted from the special personal allowance of 50 Rupees for a 3d language & request that you will be so good as to recover the sum of Rs. 3. 2. " on that account & return me the Register and Bills duly corrected.

Madura 29th March 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker Collector

No 301.

Received the Register with a Bill from the Collector of Tinnevelly bearing date 28th March 1855.

Madura 3d Apl 1855. (Signed) R D Parker Collr

To C. J. Bird Esqre
Collector of Tinnevelly

No 312.

To The Collector of

Sir, Tanjore

I have the honor to transmit the accompanying Copy of an Urzee from the Maramut Superintendent of Shevagunga, requesting to be brought to your Notice as a Candidate for the same Office in Tanjore which he supposes to be Vacant.

He was once the Maramut Superintendent of Madura & I have heard the Civil Engineer speak well of him in that Capacity. Afterwards he tried a Tasildary, gave dissatisfaction & was turned out. When Shevagunga came under the Court of Wards, I appointed him Maramut Superintendent on the recommendation of the Civil Engineer.

He

He is a Man of great Experience & not at all deficient in activity. In my Judgement he is a good Superintendent; but the importance of the works wh. would come under him in Tanjore being very great I would suggest that in the event of your thinking of him for the appointment you should place yourself in Communication with Captain Horsley in order that you may have a Competent opinion as to his qualification

Madura 7th April 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 334

Register of 9 Bills forwarded to the Collr. of Salem for adjustment in his Accounts

An acknowledgement of the same is requested

1	Bill of Pay of Peons guarding Convicts transferred from the Zillah Jail of Salem to Paumben for February 1855	36. " "
4.	Do of Batta to Convicts from October to Decr. 1854 and February 1855	251. " 1.
4.	Do of Contingent Charges from do to do & do	14. 12. 3.
	Companys Rupees	301. 12. 4.

Madura 12 April 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collr.

No 337

Received a Register with 3 Bills from the Collector of Tinnevelly of [*] April 1855 No 374 place left in the draft

Madura 12th April 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collr.

To the Collector of
Tinnevelly

* Not dated

No 352

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir, In reference to your Letter of the 24th October last, I have the honor to forward Copy of an Arzee and of its enclosure from the Tahsildar of Teroomungalum Talook, reporting that the remaining extent of land viz. 5/32 of a Cooly, adverted to in your Letter under reply, has since been made over to the Meerassidar

10th Jany 1855

of Renguppanaickencollan by the Ryots of Sevendiputty which puts an end to the dispute between the parties.

Madura } (signed) R. D. Parker
14th April 1855 } Collector

No. 353

To the Collector of Tinnevelly.

Sir, I have the honor to forward, for your information,

×28th Feb.y 1855 Copy of an Arzee[x] from the Head of Police of Ramnad in which he represents that the boundary dispute, existing between the Village of Cunnyrajapoorum in this District and the Zemindary of Malamunday in Tinnevelly, has not yet been adjusted, in consequence of the failure on the part of the Tahsildar of Ottapedarum to comply with his request to fix a date on which both officers may meet at the spot for that purpose. I request therefore you will be good enough to adopt measures towards the speedy settlement of the dispute in question.

Madura } (Signed). R. D. Parker
14th April, 1855. } Collector

No. 355

Received the Register with 4 Bills from the Collr. of Tanjore bearing date 11th April 1855

Madura } (Signed) R. D. Parker
Thooroomboor } Collr.
17th April 1855. }

To The Collr. of Tanjore.

No. 356

Register of 3 Bills forwarded to the Collr. of Tinnevelly for adjustment in his accounts.

An acknowledgement for the same is requested.

1 Bill drawn by Mr. F. S. Child Head assistant to the Collr. & Magte. of Tinnevelly for his salary for the Month of March 1855 .... 733. 5. 4.

Deduct Civil fund at 6/4 per cent .... 45. 13. 4.

687. 8. "

1 Do. for Fixed Tent allowance for do. ... 42 " "

1. Do. for House rent for do. ... 35 " "

Company's Rupees 764. 8. "

Madura Thooroomboor } (signed) R. D. Parker
18th April 1855 } Collr.

No 362

To The Collector of Tanjore

Sir, I have the honor to return the Register No 249 dated 7th April 1855 with its Enclosures Vizt 4 Bills of Salary allowances of Mr Norman for Jany 1855 and request that Civil Fund may be deducted from the Special personal allowance of 50 Rs for a 3rd Language & the Register & Bills corrected & returned

Madura 19th April 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker Collector

No 374

To The Collector of Tanjore

Sir, With reference to my letter of the 24th May 1854 I have the honor to forward Copy of an Urzee No 37 from the Zemr of Ramnad requesting that you will be good enough to send any one on your Establishment to meet one of her own for Settlement of the boundary dispute between the Villages of Velangatoor in Ramnad & Nunnyoor Paupagoody in Tanjore -

Madura 24th April 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker Collector

No 379

To The Collr of Tinnevelly

Sir, With reference to a letter from the Accountant General received this day directing me to make a remittance of Five Lacs of Rupees to the Presidency & stating that he has ordered a further sum to be sent by you I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me of the probable date on which your remittance may be expected at Madura to enable me to have mine in readiness for the same Escort -

Madura 24th Apl 1855 (Signed) R D Parker Collector

P. S. I have applied to the Officer Commanding the Divn for an Escort but shall be glad to know the Amount of your remittance for Communication to him

No 390

Received the Register with a Bill from the Collr of Tinnevelly bearing date 20th April 1855 No 427 -

Madura 25th April 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker Collr

To C J Bird Esqre Coll of Tinnevelly

No. 408.

To The Collector of Tanjore

Sir, With reference to your Assistants letter of the 17th Ulto. I have the honor to furnish you with a Statement of Sales of Salt in Fusly 1264

Madura 1st May 1855 (Signed) R D Parker Collector

No. 431.

Received the Register with 4 Bills from the Collr. of Tanjore bearing date 4th May 1855 No. 309

Madura " " Ajuthapulty 10th May 1855 (Signed) R D Parker Collector

To the Collr. of Tanjore

No. 433.

Received the Register with 3 Bills from the Collector of Tinnevelly bearing date the 7th May 1855

Madura " " Maravencolum 11th May 1855 (Signed) R D Parker Collector

To C J Bird Esqre. Collr. of Tinnevelly

No. 432.

Register of 2 Bills forwarded to the Collector of Salem for adjustment in his Accounts

An acknowledgement of the same is requested -

1	Bill of Batta to Convicts transferred from the Zillah Jail of Salem to Paumbon for January 1855	67	9	2
1	Do. of Contingent Charges for Ditto	7	..	..
	Comp. Rupees	74	9	2

Madura 11th May 1855

E. E. Pr. (Signed) R D Parker Collector

No. 441.

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

1 I have the honor to inform you that it appears from an enquiry made in this District on a claim set up by the Inhabitants of Villoor, that the Moottahdar of Vadee in Tinnevelly enjoys a Tank called Poodoocolum and some lands under it on payment of 30 Cotts. of grain to the Soobramaneya Swamy Pagoda in Panayoor. Part of this land is reported by a Goomastah of my office deputed to examine to be situated within the limits of the Villoor Village Madura District and the whole of Poodoocolum is surrounded on three sides by the lands Villoor & on the 4th by the Tinnevelly Ayn Village Cavakanny in which as far as I can learn, it is not entered. The Vady Moottadar asserts the land to have belonged to

the Panjoor Pagoda from what he obtained it on Rent and it is admitted that he has enjoyed it from a time antecedent to the survey

2. Whatever right the Vadee Moottadar may be considered to derive from his long possession it would seem necessary that it should be determined to which District the land belongs, otherwise difficulty may possibly arise in regard to Police. I have therefore the honor to request that you will inform me whether you claim Poodoocolum as included in Tinnevelly and if so on what grounds and as belonging to what Village and whether as Enam or Ayn land. —

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Madura
Maravencolum 12th May 1855

No 442.

To the Sub Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

1. In reply to your letter of the 27th Ultimo I have the honor to transmit Copy of a Urzee from the Tahsildar of Madacolum giving the information you require —

2. The Enclosure to your letter under reply is herewith returned —

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

Madura
No date May 1855

No 440

Register of 3 Bills forwarded to the Collr of Tinnevelly for adjustment in his accounts

An acknowledgement of the same is requested —

1	Bill drawn by Mr F S Child Hd Assistant to the Collr & Magte of Tinnevelly for his Salary for the Month of April 1855	733	5	4
	Dedt Civil fund @ 6¼ pr cent	45	13	4
		687	8	..
1	Ditto for House Rent for do	35	..	..
1	Ditto for Fixed Tent allowance from 1st to 13th	18	3	2
	Companys Rupees	740	11	2

E. E. for
(Signed) R D Parker
Collr

Madura
14th May 1855

No 489

Received the Register with a Bill from the Collr of Tinnevelly bearing date the 19th May 1855 No 536

(Signed) R D Parker
Collr

Madura Meylore
24th May 1855

To the Collr of Tinnevelly

No 503. 178/ 357

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 23 Instt I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Stamps dated 10th August last by which I am forbidden to comply with your request.

Madura
28th May 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 510

To The Colltr. of Tinnevelly

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 9th Instt I have the honor to transmit Copy of the Diary of the Civil Engineer dated the 11th May 1854 & of Mr Mason's with Captn. Horsley's remarks appended under date the 11th October 1854 from wh. you will observe that while the Vellapotel Ryots consider the wall which closes the breach of the Caradacolum Tank too high, the Civil Engr. is of opinion that it is too low - The judgement of the latter who is equally interested for both Districts seems entitled to most weight. The doubtful point is whether the wall has been built at the right place. The Civil Engineer mentions that the breach should be closed and the then Lapsr. fixed on the spot B in the accompanying plan for the works^on^ being the site of the breach. Mr Mason you will observe expresses no doubt of the correctness of the selection. & I am informed that the Vellapotel Ryots in their representations to the Lapsr. at the time did not object to it - It seems however at variance with the Razeenamah. It is probable however that if the wall is not increased a height as proposed by the Civil Engineer, the Vellapotel Ryots will be satisfied. They contend ^I hear^ that the works should be taken round the spot A. not B. and if this done will not quarrel about the site. I would propose that you should address a letter on the subject to the Civil Engineer now in your neighbourhood. To prepare him for your communication. I will forward a Copy of this letter -

Madura
Pattay Agraharam
30th May 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collr

Draft in the Murasmat file Book

No 551.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter No 321 dated 23d Ult. from the Officiating Assistant Acct. Genl. of Fort William, stating that the Interest accruing on a Promissory Note of 1854/55 No 2019 in favor of C H Woodgate Esquire for Rs. 2000 has been made payable from your Treasury –

Madura
Oottumpollam 11th June 1855

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 573.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Extract from the Register of Petition for the Month of June 1855 sent to me by mistake from the Revenue Board Office in place of to you

Madura
19th June 1855

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 570.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir, With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revd. dated 11th Instant No 1431, relative to the Boundary dispute between Bhundaree & Saptoor, I have the honor to state that it is impossible to fix any time at present for the Survey as I have only one Assistt & my duties will carry me to the North of Madura for a Considerable period – When I see a prospect of the necessary leisure you shall hear from me again –

I have &c
(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

Madura Aundyputty
16th June 1855

No 577.

Register of 2 Bills forwarded to the Collr of Tinnevelly for adjustment in his Accounts

An acknowledgement for the same is requested –

1 – Bill drawn by Mr. F. S. Child Hd Assistt to the Collr & Magte of Tinnevelly for his Salary for the Month of May 55. 733. 5. 4

No 560 179

Register of 3 Bills forwarded to the Collector of Salem for adjustmt in his accounts

An acknowledgement of the same is requested —

2 Bills of Pay of Peons guarding Convicts transferred from the Zillah Jail of Salem to Coimbatore for March & April 1855 — 72 " "

1 Do of Contingent Charges for April 1855 — 12 " "

Comps Rs — 84 " "

Madura E. E. Office
Chantumanickoor
15th June 1855 } (Signed) R. D. Parker, Collr

180 / Deduct Civil Fund at 6½ per Cent 45 13 4
687 8
1 Ditto for House rent for Do 35
Company's Rupees 722 8

Madura 20th June 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 587

To The Collector of Tinnevelly
Sir,
I have the honor to return the 12 Tamil Papers received with your letter of the 4th Instant—
Madura 23d June 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 588.

To The Collector of Trichinopoly
Sir, I have the honor to return the 12 Tamil Paper, received with your letter of the 9th Instant—
Madura 23d June 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 591.

Received the Register with a Bill from the Collr. of Tinnevelly, bearing date 16th June 1855 No 63.
Madura 23d June 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collector
To the Collr. of Tinnevelly

No 592.

Received the Register with a Bill from the Collr of Tinnevelly bearing date 18th June 1855 No 644.
Madura 23d June 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collector
To the Collr. of Tinnevelly

No 619

Received the Register with 8 Vouchers from the Collector of Tanjore bearing date 20th June 1855—
Madura 29th June 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker
Collector
To H Forbes Esqre
Collector of Tanjore

No 665.

Received a Register No 695 with a Bill from the Collr. of Tinnevelly dated 5th July 1855. (Signed) R D Parker
Collr
Madura 12th July 1855 } To the Collr of Tinnevelly

No 696.

Received the Register with 2 Bills from the Collr. of Tinnevelly bearing date 11th July 1855 No 720.

Madura
17th July 1855

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

To C. J. Bird Esqre Collr of
Tinnevelly

No 698.

Register of 2 Bills forwarded to the Collector of Tinnevelly for adjustment in his accounts.

An acknowledgement for the same is requested—

1	Bill drawn by Mr F. S. Child Head Assistant to the Collr. & Magistrate of Tinnevelly for his Salary for the Month of June 1855	733	5	4
	Dedt Civil fund @ 6¼ p cent	45	13	4
		687	8	..
1	Ditto for House Rent for Ditto	35	..	..
	Company's Rupees	722	8	..

Madura
17th July 1855

E E
Pr (Signed) R D Parker
Collr

No 699

Register of 5 Bills forwarded to the Collector of Salem for adjustment in his accounts

An acknowledgement of the same is requested—

1	Bill of Pay of Peons guarding Convicts transferred from the Zillah Jail of Salem to Paumben for May 1855	93	4	7.
2.	Do of Batta to Do for March & April 1855	106	5	2
2.	Do of Contingent Charges for do do	7	4	..
	Company's Rupees	206.	13.	9.

Madura
18th July 1855

E E
Pr (Signed) R D Parker
Collr

No 732.

To the Collector of Sea Customs
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the printed Forms forwarded

Manifests:
Port Clearances 800.
Export Country paper 1500
Do Europe paper 350
Permit of Ships & Export 500.

Permit of Boats Import 400. Tonnage receipts 300.

forwarded from your Office as specified in the margin I have &c.

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

Madura 25th July 1855

No 733.

Received the Register with 4 Vouchers from the Collector of Tanjore bearing date 17th July 1855 Number 480

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

Madura 25th July 1855.

To H Forbes Esqre
Coll'r of Tanjore

No 746.

Received the Register with a Bill from the Coll'r of Tinnevelly bearing date 28d July 1855 No 772

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

Madura 28th July 1855

To C J Bird Esqre Coll'r of Tinnevelly

No

To The Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir, I have the honor to transmit the accompanying Copy of a letter & its enclosure from the Minister at Poodoocottah & to request that you will comply with his request & cause the Acting Tass'r of Vettoocuttay to meet the Tassildar of Permanaud on the disputed spot on an early date for the purpose of ascertaining to whom it belongs

Since the above was written I have received your letter of the 27th apparently relating to the same matter & would suggest that a meeting of Tassildars will be the preferable way of settling the dispute

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

Madura 31st July 1855

No 754.

To The Collector of Tanjore

Sir, No advice of your Bill on my Treasury No 28 dated 9 July 1855 for CRs 12 ...) Two in favor of the Civil Judge of this place having been rec'd I have the honor to request that you will furnish me with a duplicate thereof

(Signed) R D Parker
Coll'r

Madura 31st July 1855

No. 756

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir, At the request of Lieut. Payne 2d Asst Civil Engineer 8th Divn I have altered the name of Lumeethoy Dossabhoy to Pavanadumpillay in the Bill No 19 drawn by me on your Treasury under date the 9th July 1855 for Rupees 32 10 8 & request that you will cause a corresponding alteration to be made in the letter of advice despatched to you on the same date

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

Madura 31st July
1855.

No. 787

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir, With reference to your letter of the 18th Ultimo I have the honor to transmit Copy of an Arzee from the Chaukeydar of Keelakurray reporting that the Vessel Mohideen Bux was driven by stress of weather into Keelakurray on the 27th July last & that on acct of the Vessel beginning to leak 130 Coolies & their property were landed at the request of the Tindal on that date but that he the Chaukeydar did not note the particulars in the Clearance in consequence of the same not containing any entry of the Number of Coolies on board, which he states is invariably not inserted in the Clearances of Vessels from Columbo, therefore returned the document to the Tindal & entered the Circumstance of the landing of the Coolies in his Register for insertion in the Monthly Accounts I have &c

Madura
8th Augt 1855

(Signed) R D Parker
Collr

No 807.

Received the Register with 3 Bills from the Collr of Tinnevelly bearing date 6th August 1855 No. 856.

Madura 11th Augt 1855 (Signed) R D Parker
Collr

To C J Bird Esqre
Collr of Tinnevelly

No 808

Received the Regr with 4 Bills from the Collr of Tanjore bearing date 7th Augt 1855 No 750

Madura 13th Augt 1855. (Signed) R D Parker
Collr

To H Forbes Esqre
Collr of Tanjore

No. 838

To W. E. Underwood Esquire
Collector of Sea Customs
Madras

Sir,

Port Clearances 2000.
Manifests { Export Country paper 1000. / Import Do 1000 / Export Europe Do 500. / Import Do 500.
Permit of Ships { Import 500 / Export 1000
Tonnage receipts 1000.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to send me at your earliest convenience Port Clearances &c.a as pr margin for the use of the ports in this Collectorate –

Madura 18th Augt 1855

I have &c.a
(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 850

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of an Urzee from the Salt Amildar representing that Loovagooroo:nadapillay Shroff of Vyravanadapatam Salt Pans names two individuals, Kachalayappa pillay son of Aroonachellampillay & Chedombarampillay son of Sooriananarainapillay in Mariakur Nulloor of the Shermadavy Talook in Tinnevelly as Securities for his situation, & I request that you will be good enough, after ascertaining their willingness and Competency to obtain a Security Bond in the prescribed Form on the stamped paper, herewith sent, and transmit the same to me duly registered in the Court –

Madura 23d August 1855

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No. 854.

To B Cunliffe Esqre
Acting Collr. of Madras & Register of Government Grants

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Stokes's letter of the 5th February last, I have the honor to request to be informed whether the instructions contained therein & the Forms which accompanied are applicable to lands situated in Zemindaries.

2 The form you will observe makes the Assessment payable to the Government, but although it may be within the Competency of the Ruling Power

Power to subject the tenure of lands held by Foreigners within its Territory to certain restrictions, it would seem inconsistent with engagement of Government with the Zemindars to claim a Tax for lands assigned to the latter for a fixed Peshcush –

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Coll.r

Madura 24th Augt 1855

No 861.

To The Collector of Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of an urzee from the Post Office Writer of Madura dated the 22nd Instant and request that you will be so good as to ascertain the Competency and willingness of his Brother Soobanaviah to give the necessary security and obtain and forward to me his declaration to that effect to enable me to furnish you with a stamped Paper for the Security Bond.

Madura 28th August 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No 863

To The Collector of Tanjore

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 10th January 1855 I have the honor to forward for the Recording in your Office Copy of a Security Bond obtained from Puttabaramiah for his situation of Tahsildar of the Talook of Thenkurray in this District which has been duly registered in the Court.

Madura 28th August 1855

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

No 875.

Register of two Bills forwarded to the Collector of Tinnevelly for adjustment in his Accounts

An acknowledgement for the same is requested –

1 Bill drawn by Mr. T. S. Chits Head Assistant to the Collector & Magte of Tinnevelly for his Salary for the Month of July 1855	733. 5. 4
Dedt Civil Fund @ 6¼ per Cent	45. 13. 4
	687. 8. ..
1 Do for House rent for Do	35 .. ..
Company's Rupees	722 8. ..

Madura 31st Augt 1855

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(Signed)

Coll.r

No 878.

Received the Register with a Bill from the Coll.r of Tinnevelly bearing date 22d August 1855.

No 902 - (Signed) R D Parker

Madura 31st Augt 1855 Collector

To C J Bird Esqre Coll.r of Tinnevelly

No 896

To The Acting Collector of Madras & Register of Government Grants Madras

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 30 Ulto I have the honor to state that the American Mission have been for a great many years past in possession of Houses & Churches with Compounds attached in the Ramnad & Shevagungah Zemindaries without the previous permission of Government

Madura 4th Sept 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker Collector

No 920

To the Collector of Tanjore

Sir, With reference to your letter of the 18th Ulto I have the honor to retransmit the list and 2 Summadee patrams therewith received duly executed before the Tahsr. of the Madacolum Talook by Auroomooga yana Summunda Dasegur the Mehassidar of Maraanchery in your District in the presence of 2 Witnesses who have affixed their Signatures thereto

Madura 8th September 1855 } (Signed) R D Parker Collector

No 946

Register of 3 Bills forwarded to the Coll.r of Salem for adjustment in his accounts An acknowledgement of the Same

is requested –

1 Bill of Pay of Peons guarding Convicts transferred from the Zillah Jail of Salem to Paumbon for July 1855 ... 90 ..

1 Do of Batta to Convicts for Ditto ... 143. 1. 11.

1 Do of Contingent Charges for Ditto ... 2. 10 ..

Company's Rupees 235. 11 11.

Madura
13th September 1855 }

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(Signed) R D Parker
Collr

No 953

Received the Register with 2 Bills from the Collector of Tinnevelly bearing date 10th September 1855.

Madura
17 September 1855 }

(Signed) R. D Parker
Collector

No 954

Received the Register with 4 Vouchers from the Collector of Tanjore bearing date 10th September 1855.

Madura
17th September 1855 }

(Signed) R D Parker
Collector

No 993

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 21st Instant No 1005, I have the honor to inform you that the amount of the Bill No 35 for Rupees 189 8 .. therein mentioned has not yet been paid from my Treasury

Madura 26th
September 1855 }

(Signed) R D Parker
Collr

No 994

Received the Register with 2 Bills from the Collr of Tinnevelly bearing date 20th Septr 1855

Madura 26th
September
1855 }

(Signed) R D Parker
Collr

To the Collr of
Tinnevelly

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